DANVERS OPENING
1.E4 E5 2.QH5

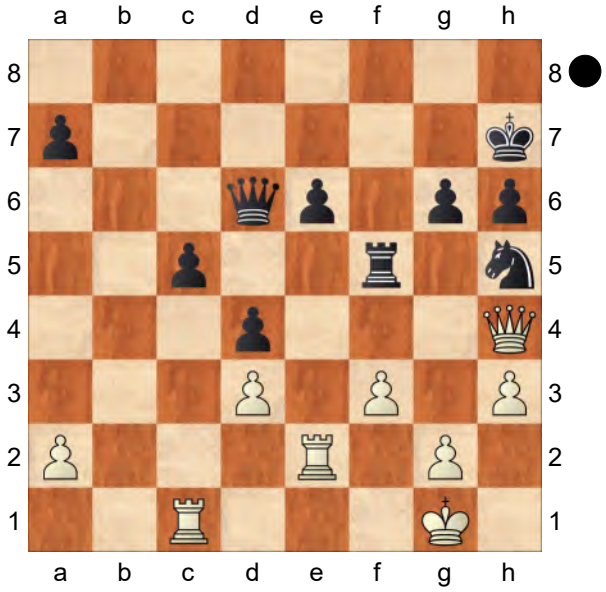
2025

SPEED CHESS OPENINGS

C20

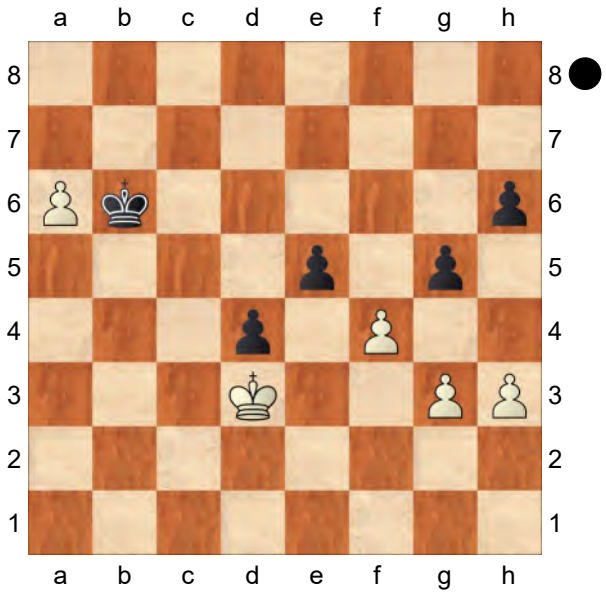
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2913**
■ **bird_xx** **3026**
Blitz 10.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.h3N** Inhibits Bg4. Black has an edge.
[8.0-0 Na5 *(8...h6 9.Qg3 Na5 10.Bb3 Nh5 11.Qe3 Nxb3 12.axb3 a6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Seidman-N, N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
8...Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Kh7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qg3 Nf6 14.Rad1 Nh5 15.Qg4 Qe7 16.Nb1 Rf7 17.Nd2 Nb4 18.Nf3! Nxc2
[18...Nxa2? 19.c3+-]
19.Bd2! Bf6 20.Rc1 Nd4 21.Nexd4 exd4 22.e5! Bxe5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Qe4 c5 25.Qxe5 Rf5 26.Qh2 Rf7 27.Qe5 Rf5 28.Qh2 Ng7 29.b4 b6
[29...cxb4 30.Rc7 Qf8 31.Qg3±]
30.Qg3 Nh5
[30...cxb4?! 31.Rc7 Qd8 32.Rfc1±]
31.Qh2 Ng7
[31...cxb4? 32.Rc7+-]
32.Qg3 Raf8
[32...cxb4 33.Rc7 Qd8 34.Bxb4=]
33.f3 Qd8 34.bxc5 bxc5 35.Rc2 Nh5 36.Qe1 Qd6 37.Qh4 Rb8 38.Re1 Rb5
[38...Rb7 simplifies 39.Bc1 Re5 40.Rxe5 Qxe5 41.Qe4 Qxe4 42.fxe4 Rb5]
39.Bc1
[39.g4 g5 *(39...Rf4? 40.Qf2±)* 40.Qf2 *(40.Qxh5? Rxf3-+)* 40...Nf4 41.Bxf4 Rxf4∓]
39...Rb1 40.Rce2
[40.g4 g5 41.Qf2 Nf4 42.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 43.Qxe1 Rxf4∓]
40...Rxc1 41.Rxc1



Strongly threatening Rb1. The position is equal. **41...Ng3 42.Rce1 Nxe2+ 43.Rxe2=** Endgame. KQR-KQR
43...Rf7 44.Qe4 Re7 45.Kf2 Kg7 46.a4 e5 47.Rb2 c4 48.dxc4 Qc5 49.Rb7 Rxb7 50.Qxb7+ KQ-KQ
50...Kf6 51.Qb5 Qxb5 52.axb5 KP-KP
52...Ke6 ...Kd6 would now be deadly.
53.c5 g5!
[53...Kd5 54.c6 Ke6 *(54...Kd6? 55.f4+-)* 55.f4 exf4 56.Ke2+- *(56.Kf3 d3=)*]
54.Ke2 Kd5 55.c6 Kd6 56.g3 aiming for Kd3. **56...a5 57.bxa6 Kxc6 58.Kd3** Black must now prevent f4!
[58.a7!? Kb7□ 59.Kd3= *(59.f4? exf4 60.gxf4 gxf4-+)*]
58...Kb6 59.f4

(Diagram)



Deflection **59...gxf4 60.gxf4 exf4** ...f3 is the strong threat. **61.Kxd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **½-½**

C20

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2882**
■ **Dominguez Perez,L** **2763**
Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7.3) 13.08.2019
[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3N** Prevents Bg4
[7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]
7...Na5 8.Nbc3 Black has an edge. **8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7** ...Nc5 would now be deadly. **11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5**

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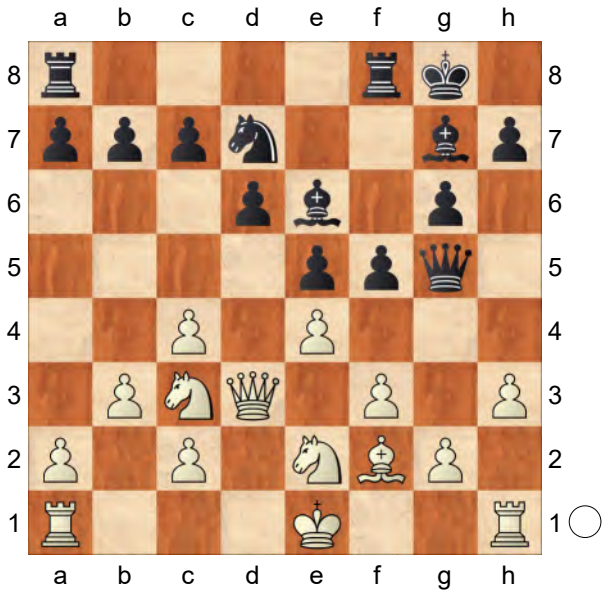
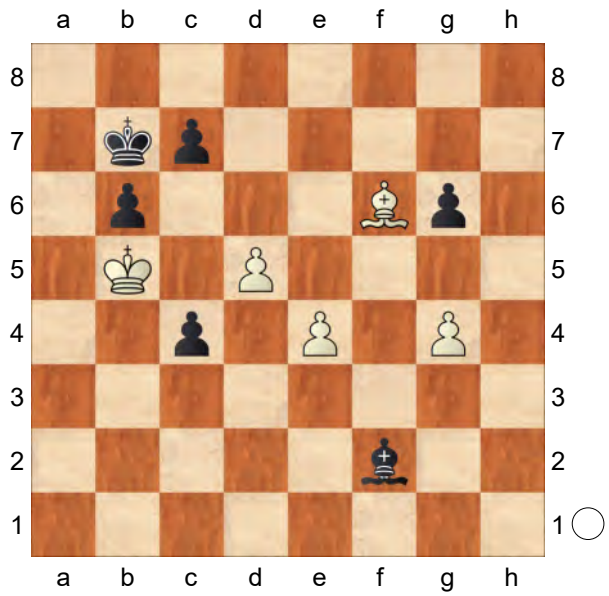


White must now prevent ...fxe4. **15.Rg1** -0.72/20
[15.Ng3∓ -0.36/21 is superior.]
15...Nc5 -0.24/21
[15...Bh6∓ -0.72/20 Strongly threatening ...Nc5. 16.h4 Qf6 17.exf5 gxf5]
16.Qe3= Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 Bh6 23.Bg1 Kg7 0.26/21
[23...Bf4∓ -0.31/20]
24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Rxf1 26.Rxf1 Rf8 27.Rxf8 Kxf8 Endgame. KB-KB **28.Kd3 Ke8 29.Bf2 Bg5 30.Kc4 Kd7 31.a4 Kc8 32.b4 Kd7 33.b5 axb5+ 34.Kxb5 Bd2 35.c4 b6 36.Ka6 Kc8 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Bc3 39.Be3 Be1 40.Kb5 Kb7 41.Bc1 Bc3 42.Ba3 Be1 43.a5 Bxa5 44.c5 dxc5 45.Bb2 Be1 46.Bxe5 Bf2?** 5.91/27
[46...c4!= 0.05/16]
47.Bf6 c4

(Diagram)

48.Kxc4? 0.00/35
[48.Bc3!+- 3.77/30 aiming for e5! Kc8 49.e5 *(49.Kxc4 Bg3+-)*]



48...c6 The position is equal. **49.Be5 b5+ 50.Kb4 Kb6** Threatens to win with ...cxd5. **51.Bd6 Be1+ 52.Kb3 cxd5 53.exd5 Kb7 54.Kc2 Kc8 55.Kd3 Kd7 56.Bc5 Bg3 57.Ke4 Bd6 58.Bd4 Ke7 59.Be3 Kd7 60.Kd4 Kc7 61.Bd2 Kb7 62.Kd3 Kb6 63.Kd4 Kb7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) .
Loses game: --- Black=1
Missed win: White=1 ---
Mistake: White=1 Black=2
Inaccurate: White=3 ---
OK: White=18 Black=34
Best: White=1 Black=1
½-½

C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2880**
■ **Nikitosikbot_v2** **3020**
Blitz 18.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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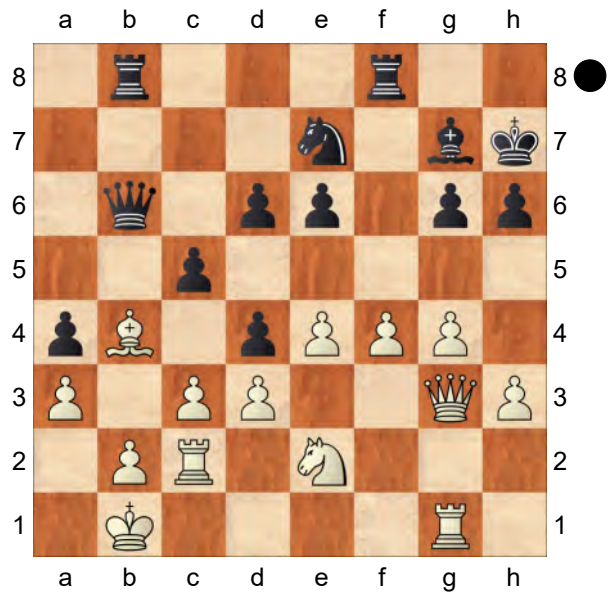
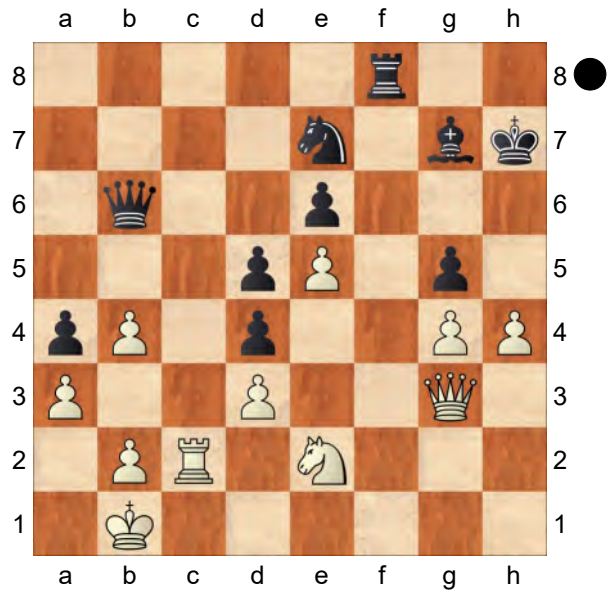
[7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 ½-½ (63) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]
7...0-0 8.h3N Prevents Bg4. Black has an edge.
[8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N, N]
[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nh7 13.0-0 c6 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #5]
8...Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 a5 11.a3 a4 12.0-0-0 Rb8 13.Rhg1 Kh7 14.g4
[14.Nxa4 b5 15.Bxe6 fxe6=]
14...Ng8 15.Qg3
[15.Nxa4 b5 16.Bxb5 Rxb5-+]
15...b5! 16.Nxb5 -0.87/22
[16.Bxb5∓ -0.48/22 Nd4 17.Bxa4]
16...Qd7!∓ 17.Bd2 Nd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.Bxe6 -1.44/21
[White should try 19.g5 -0.79/23 Bxc4 20.dxc4]
19...fxe6 20.Kb1 Qc6!→ Black has strong compensation. Black is out for blood. **21.f4 Qc5 22.Bb4** -1.62/20
[22.Nc1∓ -1.06/21]
22...Qb6-+ 23.Rd2 c5 24.c3 Ne7! 25.Rc2

(Diagram)

Rbc8! 26.Rgc1 d5 And now ...dxe4 would win. **27.e5 cxb4**
[Don't play 27...g5 28.Bxc5 Rxc5



29.fxg5-+]
28.cxb4 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 g5 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.h4



Qb8! 32.hxg5 Qxe5 Active counter play! **33.Qg1** Inhibits Rf1+. **33...Qe3 34.Qh1+ Kg8 35.Nc1 e5**
[35...Qxg5 36.b5-+]
36.b5 e4
[36...Qxg5 37.Qe1 e4 *(37...Qxg4? 38.Qb4-+)* 38.Ka2-+]
37.Qd1 Qxg5 38.Rc7 Qe5
[Don't do 38...Be5 39.Rd7-+]
39.b6 Rb8 40.Qxa4 Rxb6 41.Qe8+ Bf8 42.Rc2 Rf6 Inhibits Rf2. **43.g5 Qxg5** Black is clearly winning. **44.Qd7 Qg6 45.Qh3 Qf5 46.Qh2 Kf7 47.Ka2 exd3 48.Rg2 Rh6** Repels Nb3 **49.Qg1** Strongly threatening Rf2! **49...Rg6 50.Rxg6 Nxg6 51.Nb3 Bh6 52.Qxd4 Qe4** ...Qxd4 is the strong threat. **53.Qa7+ Ne7 54.Qf2+ Ke8 55.Qf1 Be3 56.Qe1 Kf7 57.Qd1 Kf6 58.Qe1 Nf5** Threatens to win with ...Qc4. **59.Qa5 Qc4 60.Qd8+ Kg6 61.Qe8+ Kg5 62.Qg8+ Kh4 63.Qh8+ Kg4** (-> ...d2) **64.Qg8+ Bg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
0-1

C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2875**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **2999**
Rapid 14.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 d6 6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 0-0N**
[7...Nb4 8.Na3 d5 9.exd5 Nbxd5 10.0-0 0-0 2. 1.e4 openings-Parham/ Wayward Queen Attack 2]
[7...Na5 8.Nbc3
A) 8...0-0 9.a4 *(9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7* Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1 *)* 9...Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 2. Qh5 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou;
B) 8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5

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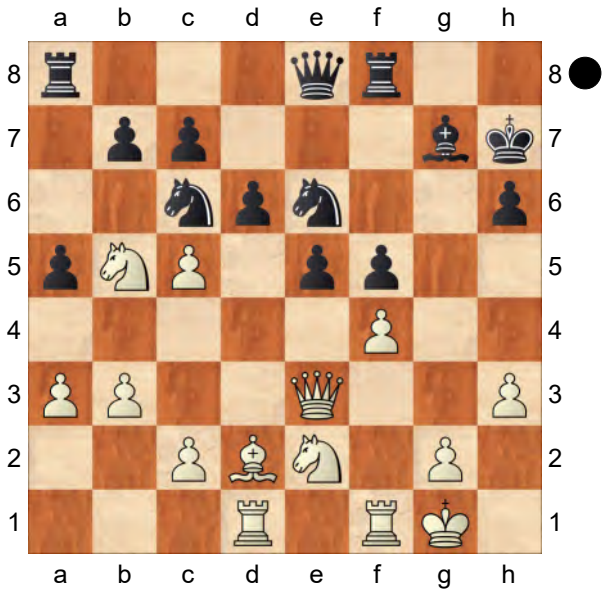
8.a3 Wards off Nb4. Black is slightly better. **8...h6 9.Nbc3 Be6 10.0-0 Bxc4 11.dxc4 Nd7 12.Bd2 a5 13.Nb5 Nc5 14.Rad1 Ne6 15.b3 Kh7 16.Qe3 f5 17.f4 Qe8 18.exf5 gxf5 19.c5**



Deflection **19...dxc5** ...Ncd4 would now be deadly.

[19...Nxc5? 20.Nxc7 Qg6 21.Nxa8 Rxa8 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Qf3+-]

20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bc3 Ng6 22.Bxg7 Nxg7 23.Qxe8 Raxe8 24.Nec3 Rf7 25.Nd5 Ne6 26.Rfe1 f4 27.Re4 Ngf8 28.Nbc3 The position is equal. **28...f3 29.g4 Rd8 30.h4 c6**

[30...Nd4 is interesting. 31.Kf2 Rd6 32.Ne3 Nd7]

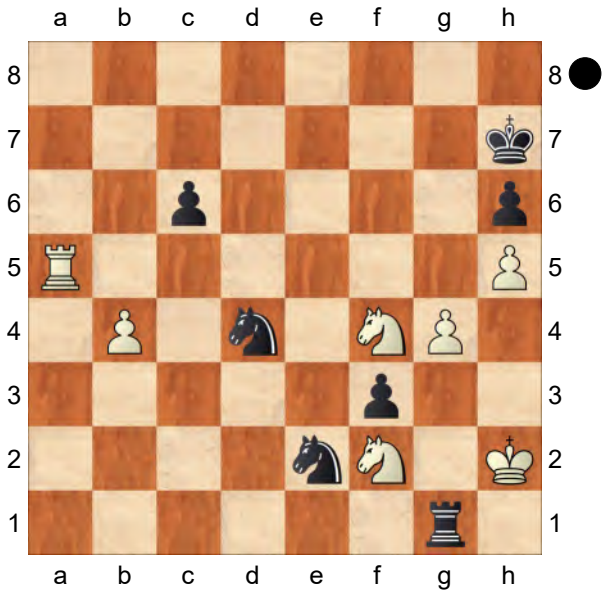
31.Ne3 Rxd1+

[31...Nd4 looks sharper. 32.Kf2 Nd7 33.b4 Ne2]

32.Ncxd1 Nd4 33.Nf2 Ng6 34.h5 Nf4 35.Re5 Prevents Nd5 **35...Nfe2+ 36.Kh2 b6 37.Nc4 Nxc2 38.Nxb6 Nxa3 39.Rxc5 Nd4 40.Rxa5 Nab5**

[40...Nxb3? 41.Rxa3 Nd4 42.Nc4+-]

41.b4 Re7 42.Nc4 Re2 43.Kg3 Re1 44.Nb2 Nc3 45.Nbd3 Nce2+ 46.Kh2 Rg1 47.Nf4



Wards off Rg2+. Deflection **47...Rb1 48.Ng6** Hoping for Ra7+. **48...Rb2**

[48...Rxb4 49.Ra7+ Kg8 50.Ne4]

49.Ra7+ Kg8 50.Ne7+ Kf8 51.Ng6+ Kg8 52.Ra8+ Kg7 53.Rd8 Nc3

[53...Rxb4? 54.Rd7+ Kf6 55.Ne4+ Ke6 56.Rd6+ Kf7 57.Rf6+ *(57.Ne5+ Ke7±)* 57...Ke8 58.Nc5+-]

54.Kg3 Nce2+ 55.Kh2 Nc3

[55...Rxb4? is the wrong capture. 56.Rd7+ Kf6 57.Ne4+ Ke6 58.Rd6+ Kf7 59.Rf6+ *(59.Ne5+ Ke7±)* 59...Ke8 60.Nc5+-]

56.Kg3 Nce2+ 57.Kh4 And now Ne4

would win. **57...Rxb4 58.Rd7+ Kg8 59.Ne5 Nf5+ 60.Kh3 Nf4+ 61.Kh2 Ne3 62.Rd8+ Kg7 63.Rd7+ Kf6 64.Nxc6 Nf1+ 65.Kg1 Ng3 66.Kh2**
[66.Nxb4!? Nfe2+□ 67.Kh2 Nf1+ 68.Kh1 *(68.Kh3 Nf4+ 69.Kh4 Ng2+ 70.Kh3 Nf4+ 71.Kh4 Ng2+ 72.Kh3 Nf4+=)* 68...Nfg3+ 69.Kh2 Nf1+ 70.Kh3 Nf4+ 71.Kh4 Ng2+ 72.Kh3 Nf4+ 73.Kh4 Ng2+ 74.Kh3 Nf4+=]
66...Nf1+ 67.Kg1 Ng3 68.g5+
[68.Nxb4!? Nfe2+□ 69.Kh2 Nf1+ 70.Kh3 Nf4+ 71.Kh4 Ng2+ 72.Kh3 Nf4+ 73.Kh4 Ng2+ 74.Kh3 Nf4+=]
68...Kxg5 (-> ...Nfe2+) **69.Nxb4 Nfe2+ 70.Kh2 Nf1+ 71.Kh1 Nfg3+! 72.Kh2 Nf1+ 73.Kh1 Nfg3+! 74.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

C20

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■ **YoBot_v2** **2983**
Rapid 11.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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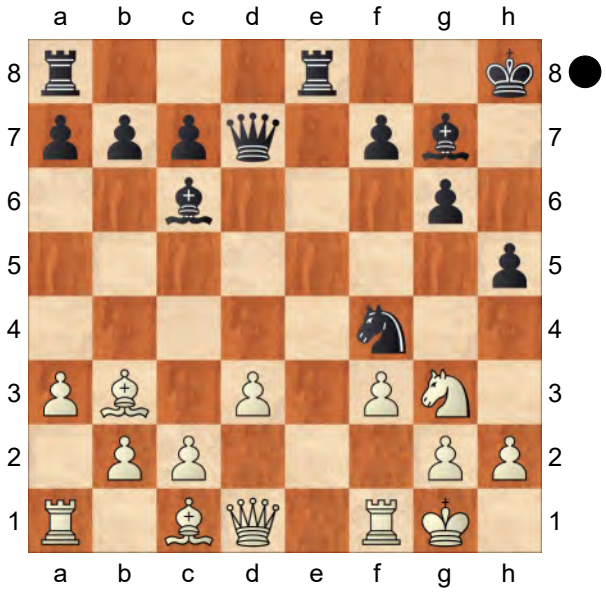
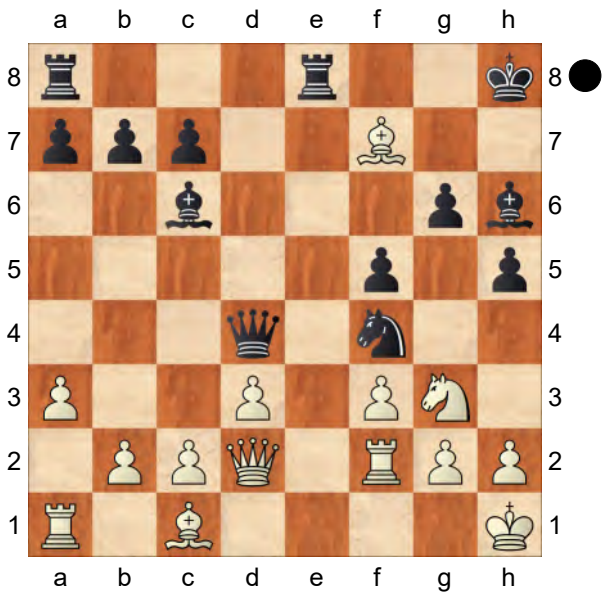
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.Nc3 Bg7N
[5...Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 Van Eijbergen-Sieraad Netherlands year? 1977]
6.a3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nd4 8.Nxd4
Black is slightly better. **8...exd4 9.Ne2 Bg4 10.Qf4 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.exd5 Re8 13.Ng3** Prevents Re4 **13...d3!**
[13...Nxd5? 14.Qxg4 Nb6 15.Ba2+-]
14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxd3 Nxd5 16.Qf3 Bc6 Black has compensation. **17.Bc4 Qd7! 18.Bb3 Kh8 19.Qd1 Nf4** (-> ...Qh3!) **20.f3 h5 21.d3**



f5! 22.Kh1 Qd6 23.Qd2!
[23.Bf7 Re7 24.Bxg6 *(24.Bxf4 Qxf4 25.Bxg6 h4∓)* 24...h4 *(24...Nxg6 25.Nxf5 Qd7 26.Nxe7=)* 25.Nxf5 *(25.Bxf4 Qxf4 26.Nxf5 Re6∓)* 25...Qxg6 26.Nxh4 Qf6 27.Bxf4 Qxh4∓]
23...Bh6 24.Rf2 Qd4 -0.24/17
[24...Qe7∓ -0.62/19]
25.Bf7!=

(Diagram)

h4! 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Re2! h3!
[27...hxg3? 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.hxg3+-]
28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.gxh3 aiming for



Qe3. **29...Bc6 30.Ne4! fxe4** White is weak on the light squares **31.dxe4 Qe5 32.Qc3 Qxc3 33.bxc3 Bb5 34.Rb1 Be2**
[34...Nxh3? 35.Bxh6 Nf2+ 36.Kg1 *(36.Kg2 Nxe4 37.Rxb5 Nd6+-)* 36...Nh3+ 37.Kg2+-]
35.Kg1! b6
[35...Nxh3+ 36.Kg2 Bxc1 37.Rxc1±]
[35...Bxf3?! 36.Kf2 *(36.Bxf4 Bxf4 37.Kf2 Bh5±)* 36...Bh5 *(36...Bxe4?* loses. *37.Bxf4 Bxf4 38.Rb4+-)* 37.Bxf4 *(37.Rxb7 Nxh3+ 38.Kg2 Bxc1∓)* 37...Bxf4 38.Rxb7±]
36.Kf2 Bc4 37.h4 a5 38.a4! Kg8 39.Ra1 Kf7 40.Rb1! Ke6 41.Ra1 Ke5 42.Rb1! Kf6 43.Ra1 Ke6 44.Rb1! Ke5 45.Ra1! Ke6 46.Rb1! Ke7 47.Ra1 Kf8 48.Rb1 Ke8 49.Ke1 Kd7 50.Kf2 Ke8 51.Ra1 Ke7 52.Rb1 Kf7 53.Ra1 Ke7 54.Rb1 Ke6 55.Ra1 Kf6 56.Rb1 Kf7 57.Ra1 Ba6 58.Rb1 Kg8 59.Ke1 Kg7 60.Kf2 Kg8 61.Ke1 Kf8 62.Kf2 Kf7 63.Ra1 Bc4 64.Rb1! Ke7 65.Ba3+ Ke8 With the idea ...Ne2. **66.Bc1! Ba6 67.Ra1 Kf7 68.Rb1! Ke6 69.Ke1 Kf6 70.Kf2 Bc4 71.Ra1 Ke5 72.Rb1! Bf8 73.Be3 Bd6 74.Rd1 Nh5 75.Rg1 Kf6 76.Rd1 Ke7 77.Rg1 Kf7 78.Rd1 Be5 79.Rd8 Bxh2** This pair of bishops is nice. **80.Bg5 Bd6 81.Ke3 Bc5+ 82.Kd2 Bd6 83.Ke3 Bc5+**
[83...Be6!?]
84.Kd2 Be6 Wards off Rd7+ **85.Rb8 Bd6 86.Rb7 Ke8** Prevents Bd8. **87.Rb8+ Kf7 88.Rb7 Ke8** Prevents Bd8 **89.Rb8+ Kd7 90.Ke3 Bc5+ 91.Kd3 Bd6 92.c4 Kc6 93.Be3 Bc5 94.Bg5 Bd6 95.Be3 Bc5 96.Bxc5 Kxc5 97.Kc3 Bxc4 98.Rc8 c6 99.Ra8 Be6 100.Kd2 b5 101.axb5 Kxb5 102.Re8 Nf4 103.Rf8 Ng2 104.Rf6 Bh3 105.Rxg6 Nxh4 106.Rg3 Bg2 107.Kc3 Bxf3 108.Rh3 Bxe4!**
109.Rxh4 Endgame. KR-KB **109...Bg2 110.Rh2 Bf1 111.Rh1 Be2 112.Rb1+ Kc5 113.Ra1 Bb5 114.Rxa5 Kb6 115.Ra1 c5 116.Rb1 Kc6! 117.Kb3 Be2 118.Ka4 Bf3** Dodges Rh1 **119.Rf1 Be4 120.Rf6+**
[120.c4!? Kb6□ 121.Rf6+ Bc6+ 122.Kb3±]
120...Kd5 121.Kb3 Ke5! 122.Rf1 Bd5+! 123.Kb2 Kd4 124.Rf4+ Ke5! 125.Rh4 Be6 126.Ka3 Kd5! 127.Rh5+ Kd4! 128.Ka4 Bc4 129.Rg5 Be2! 130.Kb3 Bc4+ 131.Ka4 Be2! 132.Rg2 Bf1 133.Rg1 Be2 134.Kb3 Bf3 135.Rg3 Be2! 136.Rg2 Bc4+! 137.Kb2 Bd5 138.Rg4+ Ke5! 139.Kc3 Ba2 140.Kd3 Bd5 141.Ke3 Ba2 142.Rg5+ Kd6 143.Ke4 Bf7! Prevents Rg6+. **144.Rg3 Bh5 145.Rd3+ Ke6! 146.Rd2 Bg6+ 147.Kf3 Bh5+ 148.Ke3** c4 would now be deadly. **148...Bf7 149.Ke2 Bh5+!** The position is equal. **150.Ke1 Bf3 151.Rd8 Bh1 152.Kd1 Bf3+ 153.Kc1 Bd5 154.Kb2 Ke5! 155.c3 Bc4 156.Ka3 Bb5! 157.Kb3 Ke6! 158.Rb8** White threatens Rb6+ and mate.

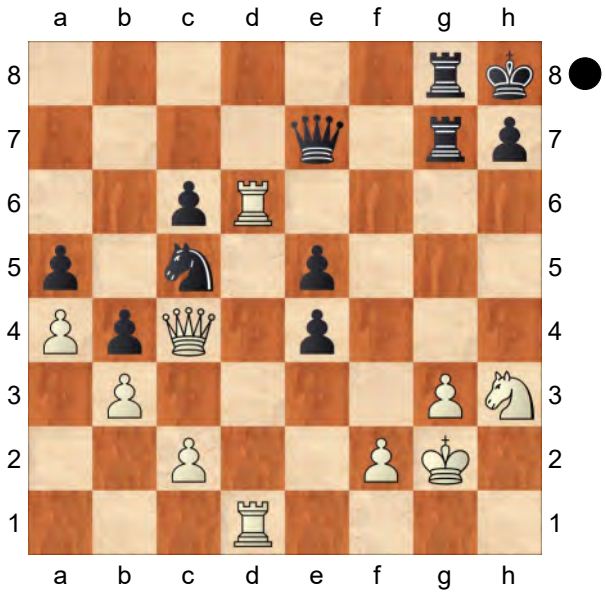
158...Bf1 159.Rc8 Kd5 160.Rd8+ Kc6 161.Ka4 Be2 162.Ka5 Bf1 163.Rd1 Be2 164.Rd8 Bf1 165.Ka4 Be2 166.Kb3 Bf1 167.Rf8 Be2 168.Rf2 Bd3 169.Rf4 Be2 170.Rf2 Bd3 171.Rf4 Be2 172.c4 Ka4 is the strong threat. **172...Bd1+ 173.Kc3 Ba4 174.Rf6+ Kb7 175.Kd3 Bc6 176.Rg6 Bh1 177.Rh6 Bg2 178.Rh7+ Ka6 179.Rh2 Bf1+ 180.Kc3 Kb6 181.Rf2 Bh3 182.Rh2 Bf1 183.Kb3 Bd3 184.Rh6+ Kb7 185.Rh4 Bg6 186.Rh6 Bd3 187.Rh4 Bg6 188.Rh8 Bd3 189.Rf8 Be2 190.Rf4 Bd1+ 191.Kc3** Hoping for Kd3. **191...Ba4 192.Rf5 Kb6 193.Kd2 Bb3 194.Rf4** Threatens to win with Kd3. **194...Ba4 195.Rf1 Bc6 196.Ke3 Bg2 197.Rf2 Bh1 198.Rb2+ Kc7! 199.Rb1 Bg2 200.Kf4 Bh3 201.Ke5 Bg2! 202.Rb5 Kc6 203.Rb1** Strongly threatening Rg1. **203...Kc7 204.Rg1 Bb7 205.Rg7+ Kc6! 206.Rh7 Ba8! 207.Ke6 Bb7! 208.Rh6 Kc7! 209.Rg6 Ba8 210.Rg5 Kc6! 211.Ke7** And now Kd8 would win. **211...Bb7 212.Kd8 Ba6! 213.Rg4** Black must now prevent Ke7. **213...Kb6! 214.Kd7 Ka5! 215.Kd6 Kb4 216.Kc7 Bxc4 217.Kc6 Kb3 218.Kxc5 Bf1 219.Rf4 Be2 220.Kd4 Bd1 221.Rf1 Bc2 222.Rg1 Bf5 223.Re1 Bc2 224.Re3+ Ka2 225.Kc3 Bb1 226.Re2+ Ka1 227.Re1 Ka2 228.Re3 Bf5 229.Re2+ Ka1 230.Re1+ Ka2 231.Re7 Bh3 232.Rf7** Intending Kc2 and mate. **232...Bg4 233.Kc2 Ka3 234.Kc3 Ka2 235.Ra7+ Kb1 236.Rb7+ Ka1 237.Rg7 Bf3 238.Rg6 Be4 239.Rg1+ Ka2 240.Rg4 Bh1 241.Ra4+ Kb1 242.Rb4+ Ka1 243.Ra4+ Kb1 244.Rb4+ Ka1 245.Kc2 Bd5 246.Ra4+ Ba2 247.Kc3 Kb1 248.Rb4+ Ka1 249.Kc2 Bd5 250.Ra4+ Ba2 251.Rg4** Rg1+ would kill now. **251...Bb1+ 252.Kc3 Ba2 253.Kc2** White wants to mate with Rg1+. **253...Bb1+ 254.Kc3 Ba2 255.Rg6 Bb1 256.Rc6 Ba2 257.Rc4 Bxc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **½-½**

C20

□ **Hoon_Bot** **2869**
■ **YoBot_v2** **3009**
Blitz 01.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.Nc3 Bg7N
[5...Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 Van Eijbergen-Sieraad Netherlands year? 1977]
6.Nge2 0-0 7.h3 c6 8.a4 Black is slightly better. **8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d3 d5 11.Qg3 Nh5 12.Qg4 Qd6 13.Bd2 Na6 14.Rc1 Rf7 15.Ng1 Nc5 16.h4 a5 17.Nf3 Nf4 18.Rd1 Raf8 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Qg3 dxe4 21.dxe4 Qe7 22.0-0 b5 23.b3 b4** Deflection **24.Ne2 Nxe4 25.Qh3 R4f5 26.Qg4 Nc5**
[26...Nf6 27.Qc4=]
27.Nd2 Rh5 28.g3 Rhf5 29.Qc4!

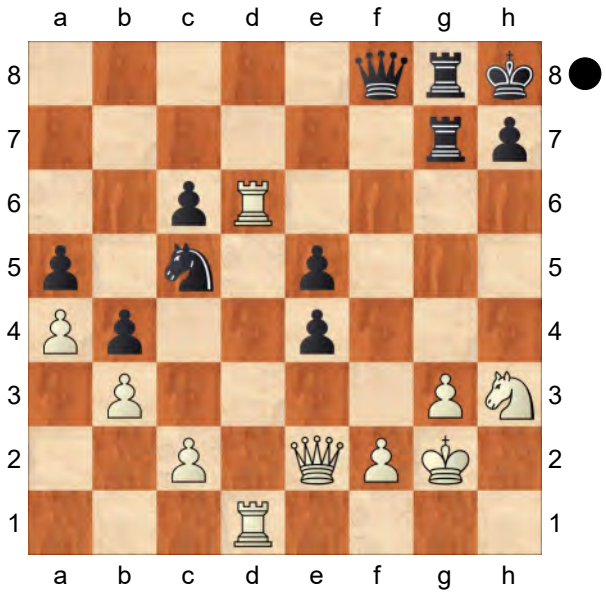
Dodges e4 **29...Bh6 30.Kg2 Bxd2 31.Rxd2 g5 32.hxg5 e4**
[32...Qxg5 33.Rd6 Qh5 *(33...e4 34.Rxc6 R8f6 35.Rc8+ Rf8 36.Rxf8+ Kxf8 37.Qb5±)* 34.f4= *(34.Qxc5? Qf3+ 35.Kg1 Rh5 36.Rxe6 Rh1#; 34.g4 Rg5∓)*]
33.Ng1 Rxg5
[33...Qxg5?! 34.Rd6=]
34.Qe2 e5 Black has more active pieces. **35.Nh3 Rg7 36.Qc4+ Kh8** ...Rf3 would now be deadly. **37.Rfd1 Rfg8 38.Rd6**



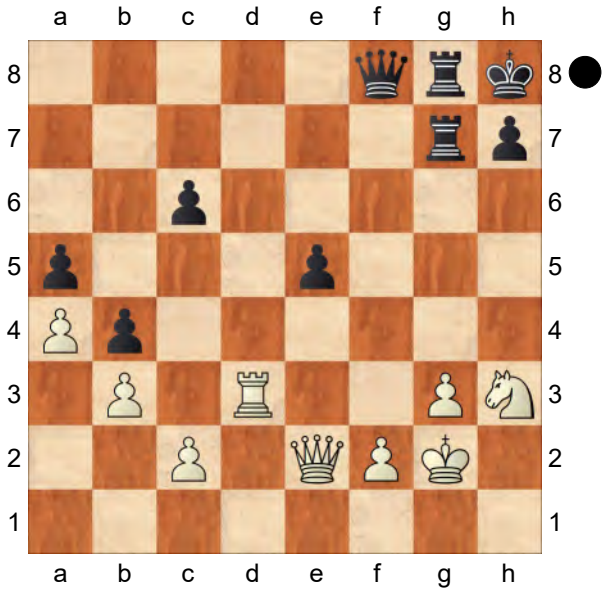
Qf8! Really sharp! **39.Qe2**
[39.Qxc5? Rxg3+ 40.Kf1 *(40.fxg3? Qf3+* Deflection, Double Attack *41.Kg1 Rxg3+ 42.Kh2 Qg2#; 40.Kh2? Rxh3+ 41.Kxh3 Qf5+ 42.Kh4 Qg4#)* 40...Qf5-+ *(40...Rxh3 41.Qxe5+ Qg7 42.Qxg7+ Kxg7 43.R1d4=; 40...Rxh3 41.Qxe5+ Qg7 42.Qxe4=)*]

(Diagram)

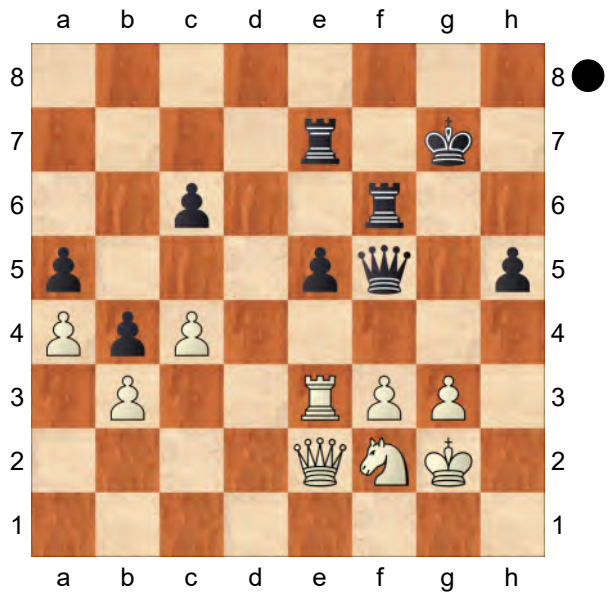
39...Nd3! 40.R1xd3
[40.Rxc6? Nxf2 41.Qxf2 Rxg3+



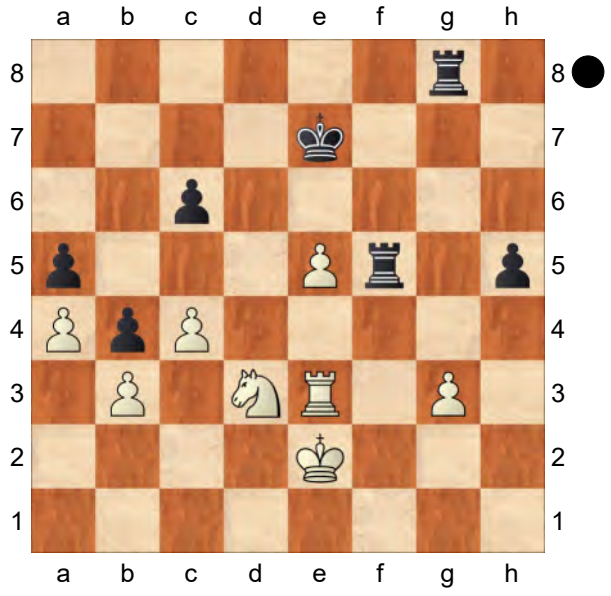
42.Kf1 Rf3-+ *(42...Rxh3 43.Qxf8 Rxf8+ 44.Ke2=)*]
40...exd3 41.Rxd3



Re7! 42.Qe4 Rg6 43.c4 Kg8 44.Rf3 Rf6 ...Rxf3 is the strong threat. **45.Re3 Qc8** -1.11/19
[⌓45...Qh6 -1.51/21 46.Qg4+ Qg6 47.Qc8+ Re8]
46.Qd3 -1.86/22
[46.f3∓ -1.11/19 was called for.]
46...Kg7-+ 47.Qe2 Qf5 48.f3 -2.31/23
[⌓48.Re4 -1.81/22]
48...h5 49.Nf2



Rd6! 50.Re4 Qg5 aiming for ...Rd2. **51.f4** -2.36/21
[51.Re3 -1.95/21 keeps fighting. Rd4 52.f4]
51...Qf5 52.fxe5 Rg6 53.Qe3 Qg5 54.Nd3 Qxe3 55.Rxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRN **55...Re8 56.Kf3 Kf7 57.Nc5 Ke7 58.Ke2 Rg5 59.Nd3 Reg8 60.Kf2 Rf5+ 61.Ke2**



h4! 62.gxh4 Rg2+ 63.Ke1 Rh2 64.e6 c5
[64...Rxh4? 65.Ne5 Rh1+ *(65...Kxe6? 66.Nf3+ Kd6 67.Nxh4+-)* 66.Ke2∓]
65.Ne5 Rh1+
[65...Kxe6? 66.Ng4+ *(66.Nf3+ Kf6+-)* 66...Kf7 67.Nxh2+-]
66.Ke2 Kxe6 67.Nf3+ Kf6 Black is clearly winning. **68.Rd3 Rh3 69.Rd6+ Ke7 70.Rd3 Rf4 71.Kf2 Rhxh4 72.Re3+ Kf6 73.Re8 Kf7 74.Re3 Rh8 75.Rd3 Ke7 76.Ke3 Rf6 77.Ng5 Rf5 78.Ne4 Rh4** Hoping for ...Re5. **79.Ng3 Rg5 80.Kd2 Rh2+ 81.Kd1 Ke6** Strongly threatening ...Rh3. **82.Ne2 Rf5** White must now prevent ...Rff2. **83.Ng3 Rh3 84.Re3+ Re5 85.Rf3 Rg5 86.Ne4 Rg1+**
[86...Rxf3 87.Nxg5+ Kf6 88.Nxf3 Kg6 89.Ne5+ Kf5 90.Nd3 Ke4 91.Ke2 *(91.Nxc5+ Kd4 92.Nb7 Ke4 93.Nxa5 Ke5 94.c5 Ke6 95.c6 Kd6)*]
87.Ke2 Rxf3 88.Kxf3 KR-KN **88...Ke5** And now ...Rf1+ would win. **89.Nxc5 Kd4 90.Nb7 Rb1 91.Nxa5 Kc5** Threatens to win with ...Kb6. **92.Nb7+ Kb6 93.Nd6 Rxb3+ 94.Ke4 Rb1 95.Ke3 b3 96.Kd2 b2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

C20

□ **Hoon_Bot**	**2862**
■ **caissa-x**	**2975**
Rapid	21.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+2sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4

10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]

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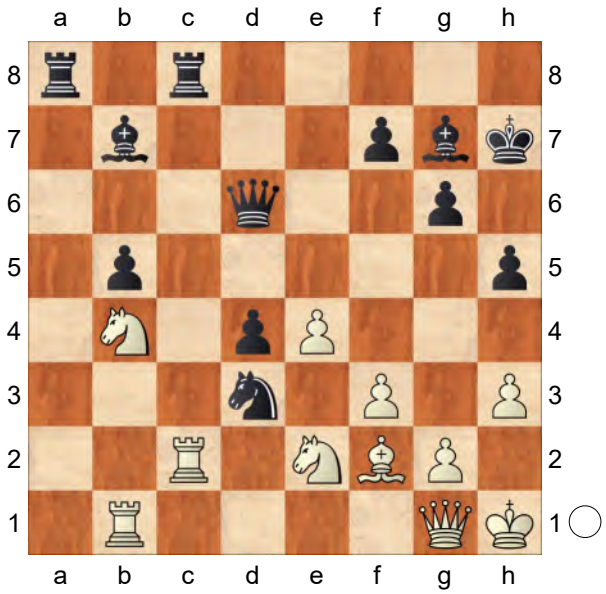
6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.d3 Black has an edge. **8...c6 9.a3 b5 10.Ba2 a5 11.h3 Kh7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Ng3 Nbd7 14.b4 Ne8 15.Qe3**

[15.Bxf7 Kh8 *(15...Qe7 16.Bxg6+ Kxg6 17.Nf5∓)* 16.Qg4 Rxf7∓]

15...Nc7 16.f3 c5 17.Rfb1 Bc6 18.Qf2 axb4 19.axb4 cxb4 20.Rxb4 Nc5 21.Kh2 Qd7 22.Rab1 Ra7 23.Qe1 Rb8 24.Be3 Rab7 25.R4b2 N5e6 26.Bxe6 Nxe6 27.Bf2 Nc5 28.Na2 Na4 29.Rb3 d5 30.Nb4 d4 31.Ne2! Rc8 32.c3 Rbc7 33.Bg3 Ra7

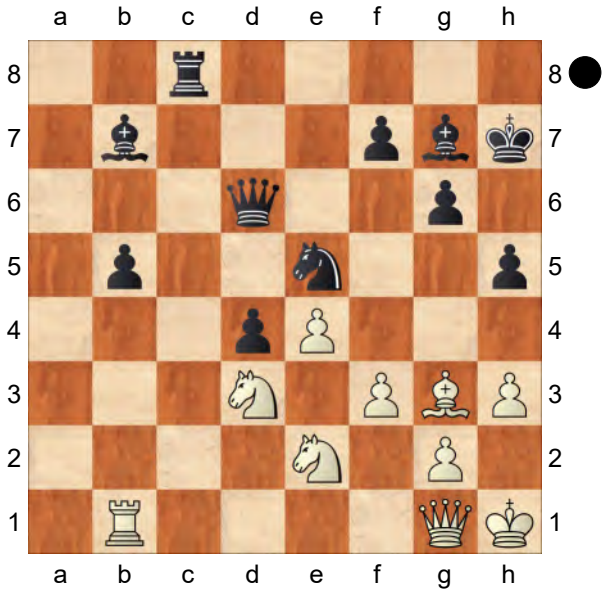
The position is equal. **34.Rc1 Raa8 35.Rbb1 Bb7 36.Kh1 Nc5 37.Rc2 h5 38.Qd2 Bh6 39.Qd1 Bg7 40.Qc1 Na4 41.Qd2 Qd8 42.Qe1 Qe7 43.Bf2 Qd6 44.Qd2 Qd7 45.Qe1 Nc5 46.Qd1 Ra4 47.Bg3 Qe7 48.Be1 Qd6 49.Qd2 Bh6 50.Qd1 Bg7 51.cxd4 exd4 52.Qc1 Bh6 53.Qd1 Bg7 54.Qc1 Raa8 55.Qg5 Bf6 56.Bg3 Qe7 57.Qc1 Bg7 58.Bf2 Qd6 59.Qg1 Nxd3**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **60.Bg3 Ne5 61.Rxc8 Rxc8 62.Nd3**

(Diagram)



b4! 63.Rxb4

[63.Nxb4 d3 64.Qd1 Qd8∓ *(64...dxe2? 65.Qxd6 e1Q+ 66.Bxe1+-)*]

[63.Nxe5 simplifies Bxe5 64.Bxe5 Qxe5 65.Qxd4 Qxd4 66.Nxd4 Rc4 67.Ne2]

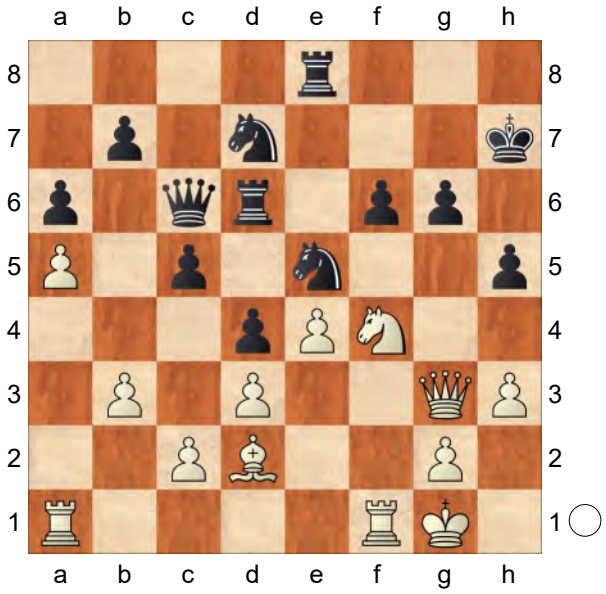
63...Ba6

[63...Qe7 64.Bxe5 *(64.Qxd4?* is the wrong capture. *Nxd3 65.Rxb7 Qxb7-+; 64.Rxd4 Nc4=; 64.Rxb7 Qxb7 65.Bxe5 Qb5±)* 64...Bxe5 65.Rxb7 *(65.Nxd4 Bg7=)* 65...Qxb7 66.Nxe5]

[63...Qe7 simplifies 64.Rxd4 Ba6 65.Bxe5 Bxe5 66.Nxe5 Qxe5 67.Rd2 Bxe2 68.Rxe2 Qf4]
64.Rxd4 Qa3
[64...Qe7 simplifies 65.Bxe5 Bxe5 66.Nxe5 Qxe5 67.Rd2 Bxe2 68.Rxe2 Qf4]
65.Nxe5 Bxe2 This pair of bishops is nice. **66.Nxf7!** Threatens to win with Bf4! **66...Rc1** Pin **67.Ng5+ Kh6 68.Nf7+ Kh7 69.Ng5+ Kh6 70.Nf7+ Kh7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2861**
■ **bot_adario** **2595**
Rapid 12.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

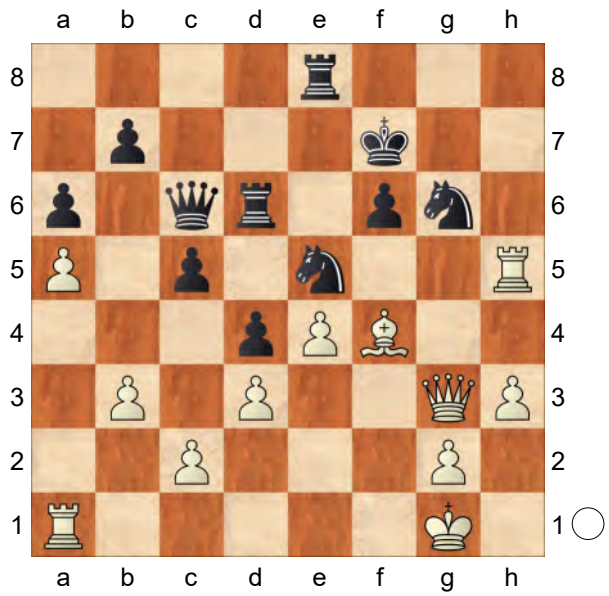
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.Nc3 Bg7N
[5...Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 Van Eijbergen-Sieraad Netherlands year? 1977]
6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.a4 Black is slightly better. **8...a6 9.h3 Be6 10.d3 d5 11.Ba2 Qd6 12.a5 Nbd7 13.Ng3 d4** 0.30/20
[13...Rad8 -0.16/19 feels stronger.]
14.Bxe6= Qxe6 15.Na4 c5 0.37/24
[15...Ne8= 0.00/16]
16.Qe2 h5 17.Re1 Qc6 18.b3 Rac8 19.Nb2 Rce8 20.Nc4 Nh7 21.Nf1 Re6 22.Bd2 Rb8 1.25/18
[Black should play 22...Qc7 0.71/18]
23.f4± exf4 24.Bxf4 Be5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Qf2 Nf6 27.Ng3 Nfd7 28.Ne2 Rbe8 29.Bd2 Rf6 1.91/23
[29...R6e7± 1.40/19 30.Nf4 Nf6]
30.Qh4 Kg7 31.Nf4 Rd6 32.Rf1 f6 33.Qg3 Kh7 3.40/18
[⌓33...Rh8 2.18/18 34.Nd5 Re8]



34.Nxh5!+- Deflection **34...gxh5**
[34...Re7 35.Nf4]
35.Rf5 Ng6 36.Rxh5+ Kg7 37.Bh6+ Kf7 Threatens to win with ...Rh8. **38.Bf4** Threatening mate with Rh7+. **38...Nde5**

(Diagram)

39.Rh7+! Kf8? 5.89/20
[39...Ke6 1.77/19]
40.Bxe5
[Not 40.Bh6+ Kg8 41.Rg7+ Kh8+-]



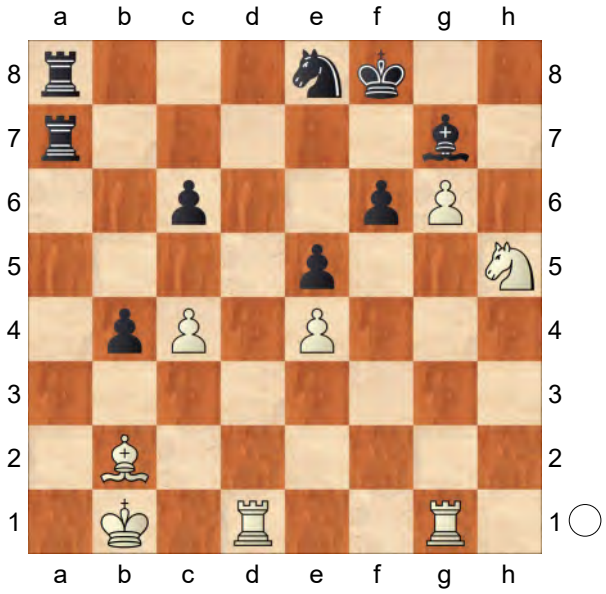
40...fxe5 41.Rf1+ Rf6 42.Rf5
[42.Qxg6? too greedy. Rxf1+ 43.Kxf1 Qxg6-+]
42...Kg8 Against Qxg6+ **43.Rh6** Rxf6 would now be deadly. **43...Ree6 44.Qg5 Rd6 45.h4 b6 46.h5** Pin **46...Rde6 47.hxg6** White mates. **47...Rxg6 48.Qh5 Ref6 49.Rxf6** Remove Defender **49...Qxf6 50.Rxg6+ Kf7 51.Rxf6+ Kxf6 52.axb6 a5 53.b7 Ke6 54.Qf5+ Kd6 55.b8Q+ Ke7 56.Qbf8#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

C20

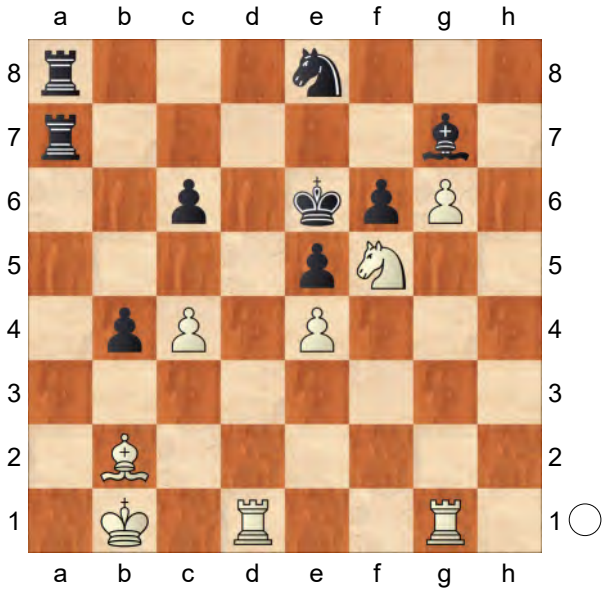
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2860**
■ **xxSaturnxx** **2735**
Blitz 30.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Against Bg4 **7...Na5 8.Nbc3** Black is slightly better. **8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 0-0N**
[9...Be6 10.b3 *(10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 Bh6 23.Bg1 Kg7 24.Nd5 Bxd5* ½-½ (63) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7) *)* 10...h6 11.g4 Nd7 12.Ng3 *(12.h4 Nf6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Be3 hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3 Qe7 20.Kb2 a6 21.Nxf4 Bxc4 22.Qd2 Be6 23.Nfe2 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 d5 25.exd5 Bxd5* 0-1 Liang,A (2613)-Nihal,S (2648) chess.com Junior Speed chess.com INT 2022 (3.26) *)* 12...Qe7 13.h4 c6 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.Qe2 Kb8 16.f3 Bf6 17.h5 Bh4 18.Bf2 Bxg3 19.Bxg3 g5 20.0-0-0 Nc5 21.Bf2 Bc8 22.Qe3 b6 23.Ne2 Ne6 24.Ng3 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2745)-Ongut,T (2242) Titled Tuesday intern op 3rd Sept Chess.com INT blitz 2019 (6)]
10.b3 c6 11.Ba3 Ne8 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Bb2 a6 14.c5 Qc7 15.Qe3 dxc5 16.Qxc5 a5 17.Rhf1 b6 18.Qe3 b5 19.f4 a4 20.f5 Bc8 21.Kb1! axb3 22.axb3 b4 23.Na4 Ba6 24.g4 Bb5 25.g5! f6 is the strong threat. **25...Qa7! 26.Qxa7 Rxa7 27.c4 Bxa4 28.bxa4** aiming for f6. **28...f6 29.h4 Rxa4 30.Ng3 Ra8 31.Rg1 Rf7 32.h5**
[32.fxg6 simplifies hxg6 33.h5 gxh5 34.Nxh5 fxg5 35.Rxg5 Kf8 36.Nxg7 Nxg7 37.Bxe5 Ra3 38.Bd6+]
32...gxh5 2.01/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[Better is 32...fxg5± 0.65/20 33.hxg6

Re7]
33.Nxh5+- Hoping for gxf6. **33...Kf8**
34.g6 White is more active. **34...hxg6**
35.fxg6 Rfa7



36.Ng3! White has strong compensation.
36...Ke7 3.21/20
[⌓36...Nc7 1.80/21 37.Rd6 Ne8 38.Rxc6 Rc7 39.Rxc7 Nxc7]
37.Nf5+ Ke6



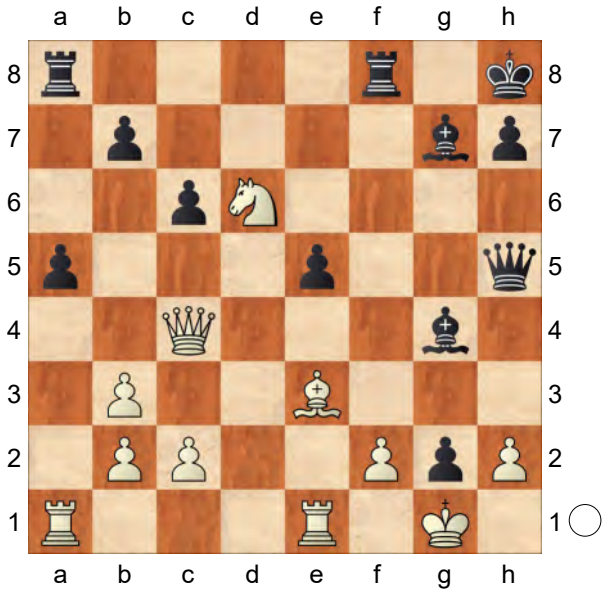
38.Rh1! Rb7? 4.14/21
[38...Bf8 2.58/21 39.Rh8 Bc5]
39.Rh7 Rc7 40.Bc1 Rca7 41.c5
White is clearly winning. **41...b3 42.Kb2 Ra2+ 43.Kxb3 R2a7 44.Kc2 Rb8 45.Rd3 Ra2+** 6.89/20
[⌓45...Rba8 4.48/18 46.Kc3 Rb8]
46.Kd1 Rb7 47.Rd8 Rd7+ 48.Rxd7 Remove Defender **48...Kxd7 49.Nxg7 Nxg7 50.Rxg7+** Endgame. KRB-KR
50...Ke6 51.Rc7 Ra8 52.g7 f5 53.exf5+ Kf6 54.Bh6 Kxf5 55.Rxc6 e4 56.Rd6 Rb8 57.Ke2 Ra8 58.Be3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0

C20

□ **Hoon_Bot** **2859**
■ **xxSaturnxx** **2749**
Blitz 19.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.0-0 Na5 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbc3** Black is slightly better.
8...d6
[8...Nxc4 simplifies 9.dxc4 d6 10.a4 a5 *(10...Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N,N *)*]
9.Nd5N -0.78/21
[9.a4∓ -0.31/23]
9...Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.d4! f4 ...Bf5 would now be deadly.
[Reject 14...exd4?! 15.Bf4±]
15.dxe5 dxe5 Strongly threatening ... Bf5. **16.Nc3 Qh4** -0.10/19
[16...Qe8∓ -0.54/24]
17.Ne4= Bg4 18.Qd3 f3 19.Re1 fxg2

20.Be3 a5 0.37/20
[20...Bf3= -0.04/23 was preferrable. 21.Bc5 Rf4]
21.Qc4+!± Kh8 22.Nd6! Qh5



Prevents Nf7+. Threatens to win with ... Bf3. **23.Nxb7 Rf6 24.Nc5 Bf3 25.Ne4 Rg6** ...Rg4 is the strong threat. **26.Qd3 Kg8 27.Bd2 Rf8 28.Ng3** The board is on fire. **28...Qh3 29.Rxa5 Rg4?** 4.33/22 Loses the game.
[29...Kh8± 0.69/22]
30.Nf5+- Active counter play! **30...c5 31.Ra7** White is clearly winning. **31...h6** 7.95/21
[⌓31...Kh8 5.19/20 32.Rxg7 Rxg7]

(Diagram)

32.Nxh6+! Double Attack **32...Kh8 33.Nxg4 Bxg4 34.Qg6 Bd7 35.Re3 Qf5 36.Qxf5 Bxf5 37.Bc3 Re8 38.Rc7 Rd8 39.Bxe5 Bxe5 40.Rxe5 Bxc2 41.Rexc5 Rd1+ 42.Kxg2 Bd3 43.f3 Bg6** Dodges Rh5+ **44.b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.32
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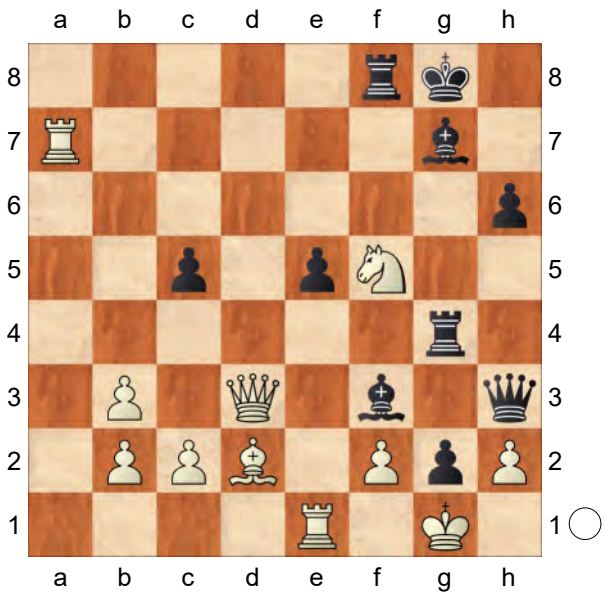
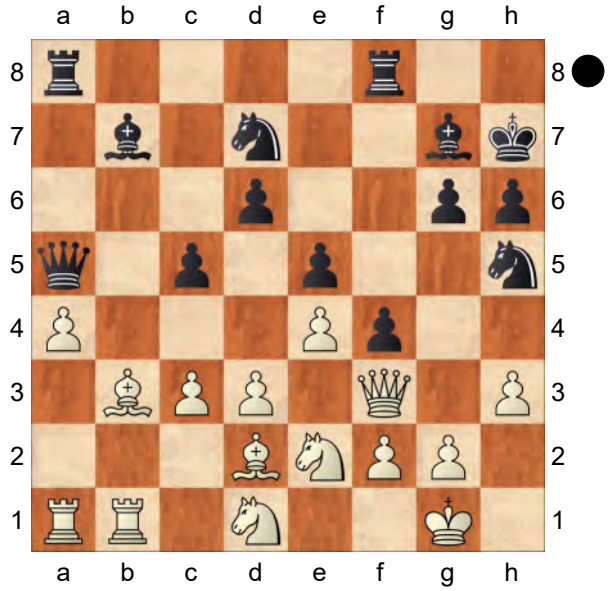


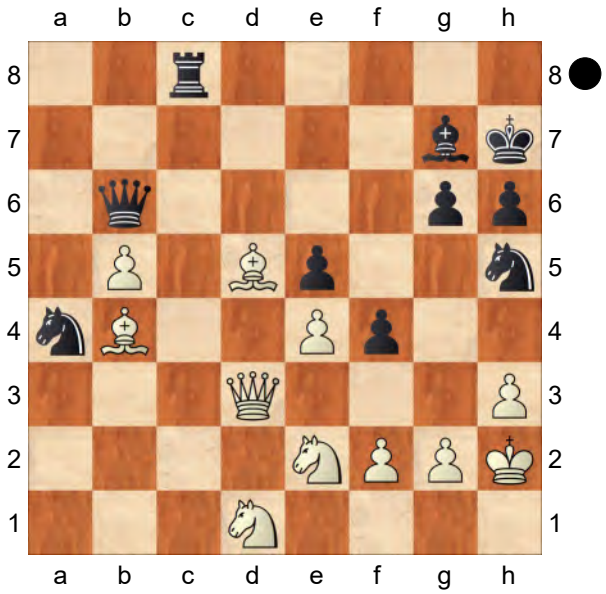
C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2858**
■ **zlatana75** **3000**
Blitz 16.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.Nc3 Bg7N
[5...Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 Van Eijbergen-Sieraad Netherlands year? 1977]
6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...c6 9.a3 b5 10.Ba2 a5 11.h3 Nbd7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rfb1**

Kh7 14.b4 Nh5 15.bxa5 f5 16.Qe3 f4
[16...Rxa5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qf3]
17.Qf3 Qxa5
[17...Rxa5 18.a4±]
18.a4! b4 19.Nd1 c5T Black is fighting back
[19...Qxa4? 20.Bxb4 *(20.Rxb4 Qa7±; 20.Bg8+ Rxg8 21.Rxa4 Rxa4±)* 20...c5 21.Bc3+- *(21.Bg8+ Rxg8 22.Rxa4 Rxa4±)*]
20.c3 b3
[20...Qxa4?! 21.Bg8+ *(21.cxb4 Qc6±)* 21...Rxg8 22.Rxa4 *(22.cxb4? Qxa1 23.Rxa1 Rxa1-+)* 22...Rxa4 23.cxb4±]
21.Bxb3
[21.Rxb3 with more complications. Bc6 22.Rbb1 d5 23.exd5 e4 24.Qxh5 gxh5 25.dxc6 e3 26.fxe3 f3 27.Nf4]

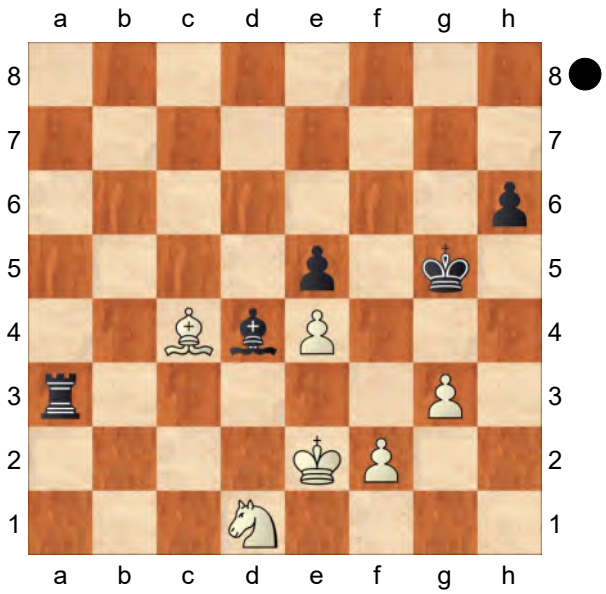


21...d5! 22.Ra2
[22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 e4 24.Qxe4 Rae8-+]
[22.exd5? e4 23.Qxe4 *(23.dxe4? Ne5-+)* 23...Rae8-+]
[22.Nc1 dxe4]
22...Qc7
[22...dxe4 23.dxe4 Nhf6 24.c4 Bxe4 25.Bxa5±]
23.Rab2
[But not 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.c4 *(24.exd5 e4-+)* 24...Bc6-+]
[23.exd5? e4 24.Qxe4 *(24.dxe4? Ne5-+)* 24...Rae8-+]
23...dxe4 24.dxe4 c4 25.Bxc4 Discovered Attack **25...Nc5 26.Rxb7 Nxb7 27.Bd5 Rab8 28.c4 Nc5 29.Rb5 Nxa4 30.Ba5 Qa7 31.Bb4 Rxb5 32.cxb5 Rc8 33.Kh2 Qb6 34.Qd3**



f3! Deflection **35.Qxf3 Qxb5 36.Be7 Qd7 37.Qa3 Qc7 38.Ne3** Prevents Qc2. **38...Nc5** Dodges Be6 **39.Bxc5 Qxc5 40.Qb2 Nf4** -0.44/20
[40...Nf6∓ -0.81/26 41.Be6 Rf8]
41.Ng1∓ Qc1 White is weak on the dark squares **42.Qa2 Rb8 43.Nf3! Qb2** ...Qxa2 would now be deadly. **44.Ng4! Qxa2 45.Bxa2 Rb2 46.Bc4 Rc2 47.Ba6 Ne6 48.Bd3 Rc5 49.h4 Ra5 50.g3! Nd4 51.Kg2 Nxf3 52.Kxf3** Endgame. KRB-KBN **52...Bf8 53.Bc4 Kg7 54.Ke2 Bb4 55.Ne3 Rc5 56.Kd1 Bc3 57.Ke2 Bd4** And now ...Bxe3 would win. **58.Bd5 Rc3** aiming for ...

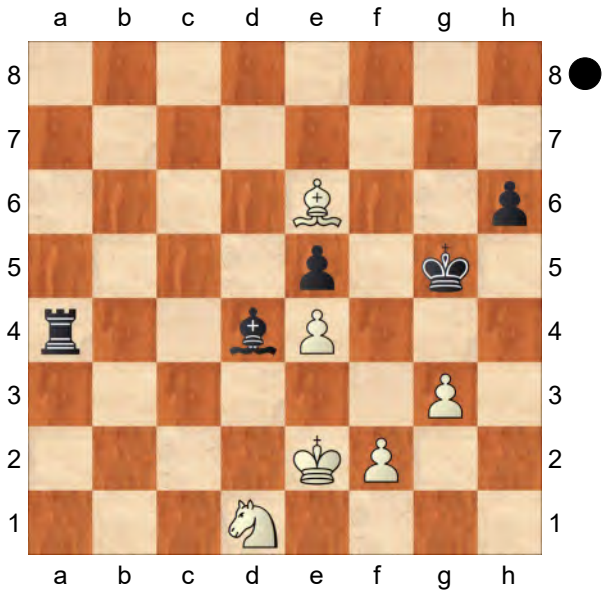
Bxe3. **59.Kd2 Rc5 60.Ke2 Rb5 61.Nd1 Rb1 62.Be6 Kf6 63.Bd5 Kg7 64.Be6 Kf6 65.Bd5** -1.00/30
[65.Bg8∓ -0.56/29]
65...Ke7 -0.39/35
[65...g5!∓ -1.00/30 Strongly threatening ...gxh4. 66.hxg5+ Kxg5 *(66...hxg5 67.Bg8-+)*]
66.Ne3 Kf8 67.Nd1 Ba7 68.Ba2 Rc1 69.Kd2 -1.09/38 Against Rc2+
[69.Bb3∓ -0.39/33]
69...Ra1∓ 70.Bd5 Ra3! 71.Ke2 Bd4 Inhibits Nb2. **72.Bc4 Ke7** Black is more active. **73.Bg8** -1.63/31
[73.Kf1∓ -1.09/37 was necessary.]
73...Kf6!-+ 74.Bd5 g5 Threatens to win with ...gxh4. **75.hxg5+** -1.99/36
[75.h5∓ -1.09/28]
75...Kxg5 76.Bc4



Ra4! 77.Be6

(Diagram)

Ra6! 78.Bc8 Ra2+ 79.Kf3 -2.40/30
[⌓79.Kf1 -1.74/26]
79...h5 80.Bd7? -5.83/28 Loses the game.
[80.Bf5∓ -1.27/31 was the crucial



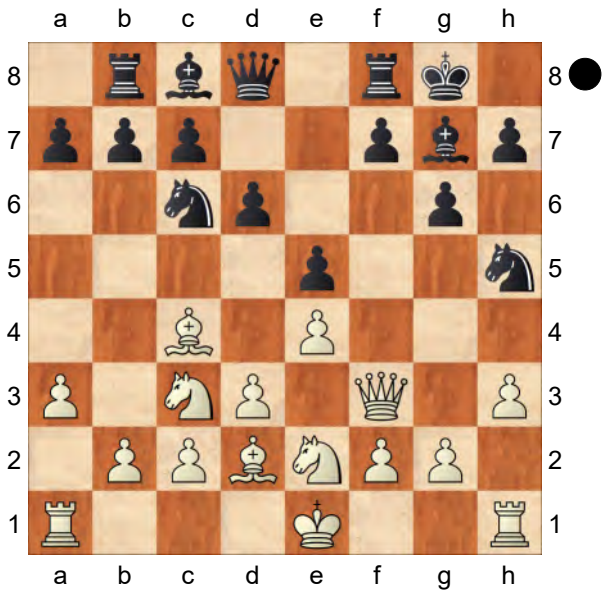
defense.]
80...Rd2 81.Ba4 Bc5 82.Ne3 -6.46/23
[⌓82.Kg2 -4.15/22 Kg4 83.Bb3]
82...Rd3 83.Bb5 Ra3 84.Bc4 Rc3 Hoping for ...Bxe3. **85.Ba6 Bxe3 86.fxe3** KR-KB **86...Rc2 87.Be2 Rb2** White must now prevent ...h4. **88.Bf1 h4 89.Bh3 hxg3 90.Kxg3 Kf6 91.Bg4 Ke7 92.Bf3 Kd6 93.Bd1 Kc5 94.Bg4 Kc4 95.Bf5 Kd3 96.Kf3 Rb8 97.Bg4 Rf8+ 98.Bf5 Kd2 99.Kf2 Rf6 100.Kg3 Kxe3 101.Kg4 Rb6** -141.96/33
[⌓101...Rc6 -#78/23 102.Bd7 Rc7 103.Bf5 Rc4 *(103...Rg7+? 104.Kh5-+)* 104.Be6 Rxe4+ 105.Kg5 Rf4 106.Bd7 e4 107.Bc8 Kf3 108.Kg6 e3 109.Bb7+ Kf2 110.Ba6 e2 111.Kg5 e1Q *(111...e1R 112.Kxf4 Re3 113.Kf5=)* 112.Kxf4 Qb4+ 113.Kf5 Qa5+ 114.Kf6 Qxa6+ 115.Kg7 Kf3 116.Kf7 Qd6 117.Ke8 Kf4 118.Kf7 Kf5 119.Ke8 Qc7 120.Kf8 Kf6 121.Kg8 Qg7#]
102.Bh7 Rb4 (-> ...Rxe4+) **103.Kf5 Rxe4** Black mates. **104.Bg6 Kd4 105.Ke6 Rf4 106.Bh7 e4 107.Bxe4 Rxe4+** KR-K **108.Kf5 Kd5 109.Kf6 Re5 110.Kg7 Ke6 111.Kg6 Ke7**

112.Kg7 Re6 113.Kh8 Kf8 114.Kh7 Ra6 115.Kh8 Rh6#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

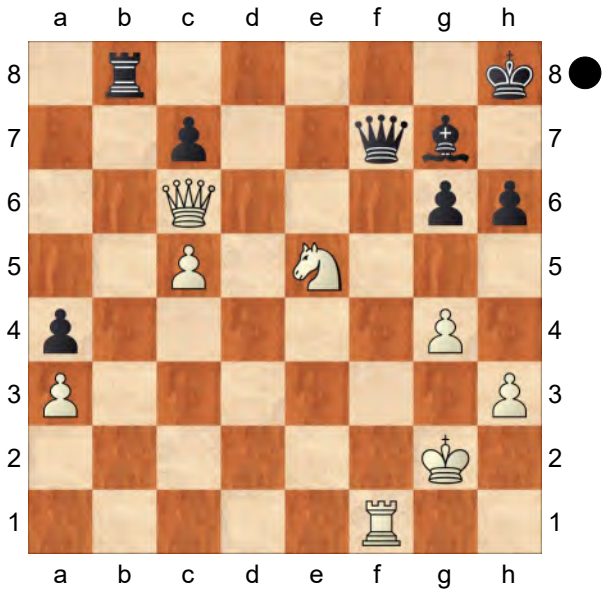
C20

□ **Hoon_Bot** **2854**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **2976**
Rapid 06.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 d6 6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.a3 Repels Nb4. Black is slightly better.
8...Rb8 9.Nbc3 Nh5 10.Bd2



b5! 11.Ba2
[11.Bxb5? Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4-+]
11...a5 12.0-0 Kh8 13.Nd5 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rae1 Be6 16.Qe4 Qd7 17.g4! Nf6 18.Nxf6 Rxf6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Qd5 Ree8 21.b4 a4 22.c4 The position is equal. **22...bxc4 23.dxc4 e4 24.Bf4** Against Re5 **24...Ne5 25.Nd4** Dodges Nf3+
[25.Qxe4 Qf7 *(25...Nxg4 26.Qd3∓)* 26.Kg2 Nxc4∓ *(26...Qxc4 27.Ng3∓)*]
25...Rbc8 26.Bxe5
[26.Rxe4 c6 27.Qa5 Ra8 *(27...Nxc4 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qa6∓)* 28.Bxe5 *(28.Qb6? Reb8-+)* 28...dxe5 *(28...Rxa5? 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rxe8-+)* 29.Nxc6 Rxa5 *(29...Qxc6? 30.Qd5-+)* 30.Nxa5 Qd3-+]
26...Rxe5 27.Qc6 Qf7 28.f4 exf3 29.Rxe5
[29.Nxf3 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Rf8∓]
29...Bxe5 30.Nxf3 Bg7 31.Kg2
[31.Qxa4 Qxc4 32.Re1 c6∓ *(32...Rf8 33.Re8=)*]
31...h6 32.c5 dxc5 33.bxc5
[But not 33.Ne5? Qe8 *(33...Qa2+ 34.Rf2=)* 34.Re1 *(34.Nxg6+? Kh7-+)* 34...Qxc6+ *(34...Bxe5 35.Qxc5 Rd8 36.Rxe5=)* 35.Nxc6 cxb4 36.Nxb4 Rd8∓]
33...Rb8 34.Ne5



Discovered Attack, Double Attack
34...Qa2+ 35.Rf2 Active counter play!
35...Rb2! 36.Qe8+
[36.Nxg6+? too greedy. Kh7 37.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 38.Kf1 Qb1+ *(38...Qxa3?*

39.Nf8+ Bxf8 40.Qe4+ Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kf7 42.Qh5+ Ke7 43.Qe5+ Kd8 44.Qd5+ Bd6 45.cxd6-+) 39.Ke2 Qc2+ *(39...Qxg6? 40.Qxa4 Qe6+ 41.Kf3-+)* 40.Kf1 Qxg6-+]

36...Kh7 37.Qxg6+ Kg8 38.Nd3 Rxf2+
[38...Qd5+ is more complex. 39.Kg3 Rb3 40.Rf3 Qd4]

39.Nxf2 Qxa3= Endgame. KQB-KQN **40.Qe6+ Kh7 41.Qf5+ Kg8 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qf5+ Kg8** aiming for ...Qb3. **44.Qd5+ Kh7 45.Qe4+ Kh8 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Qe4+ Kh8 48.Qe8+ Kh7 49.g5 hxg5 50.Qe4+ Kh8 51.Qa8+ Kh7 52.Qe4+ Kh8 53.Qa8+ Kh7 54.Qe4+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

		C20
☐	**Hoon_Bot**	**2841**
■	**The_Magnificent_Bob**	**2993**

Rapid 28.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0**
[6...d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 ½-½ (63) Carlsen, M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]

7.Nbc3 d6
[7...Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Bxd5 1-0 Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18)]

8.h3N Black has an edge.
[8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N, N]

8...Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Kh7 11.0-0 a5 12.Bb3 Ng8 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qg3 Nf6 15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Qg4 Qe7 17.Nb1 Rf7 18.c3 Raf8 19.Nd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nf3 Ne5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Qf3! h5 24.Kh2 Kh6 25.d4 g5 26.a4 b6 27.b3 Qf6 28.Ng1 Qg6 29.Qe2 exd4 30.cxd4 Rd7
[30...g4 31.f3=]

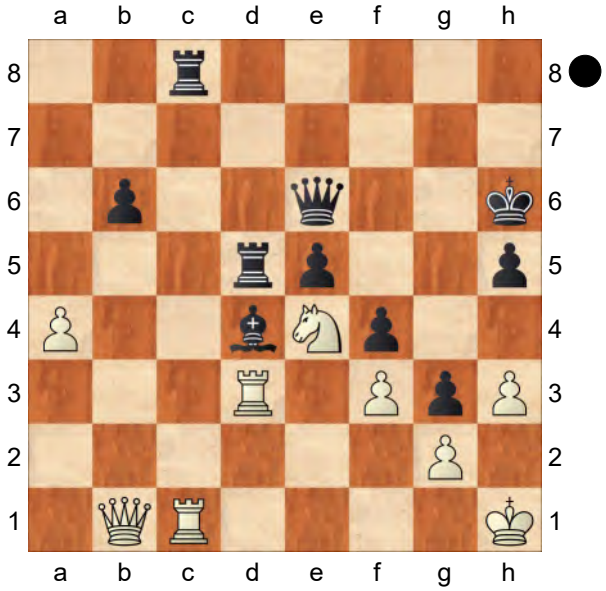
31.Qc4 Rfd8 32.d5 g4 33.f3! g3+ 34.Kh1 White is weak on the dark squares **34...Qg5 35.Rfe1 Bf8**
[35...exd5 36.exd5 Kh7 37.Re4=]

36.Qc1 e5
[36...exd5 37.Rxd5 Rxd5 38.exd5∓]

37.Rd3 Bc5 38.Ne2 Rd6 39.Qc4 Rc8 40.Red1 Qg6 41.Qa6 Qe8 42.Qc4 c6 43.Qc1 Qg6 44.Qb2 Qf6 45.Qc1 Kg6 46.Nc3 Rd7 47.Qa1 Bb4 48.Na2 cxd5 49.exd5 -1.54/23
[⌓49.Rxd5 -0.93/21 Rdd8 *(49...Rxd5 50.exd5 Qd6 51.Qb1+ Kg5 52.Qd3=)* 50.Qb2 *(50.Qxe5 Qxe5* Pin *51.Nxb4 axb4 52.Rxd8 Rxd8 53.Rf1 Rd3 54.Rc1 Qc3 55.Rb1 Qd4 56.Rg1 Rd1* Back Rank *57.Rxd1 Qxd1#)*]

49...Bc5 -1.08/23
[Black should try 49...Rc5 -1.54/23 50.Nxb4 axb4]

50.Qb1∓ Qf5! Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive.
51.Nc3 Bd4 Deflection **52.Ne4 Rxd5 53.b4 axb4! 54.Qxb4 Qe6 55.Qb1** Prevents Rc2 **55...Kh6 56.Rc1** -1.68/19
[56.Re1∓ -1.26/18]

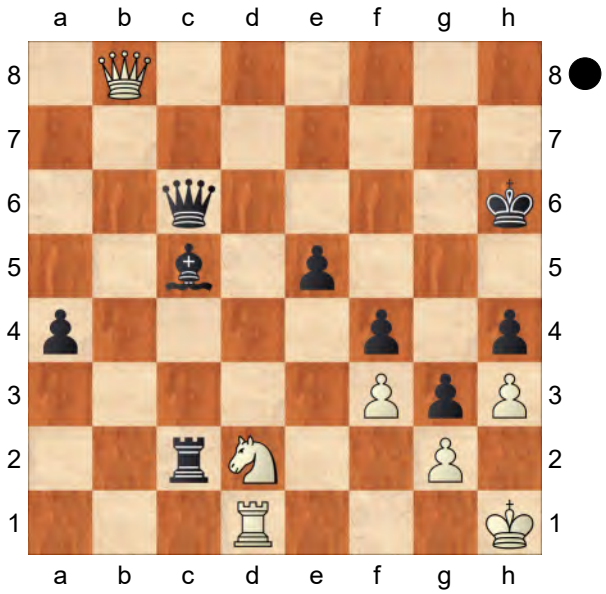


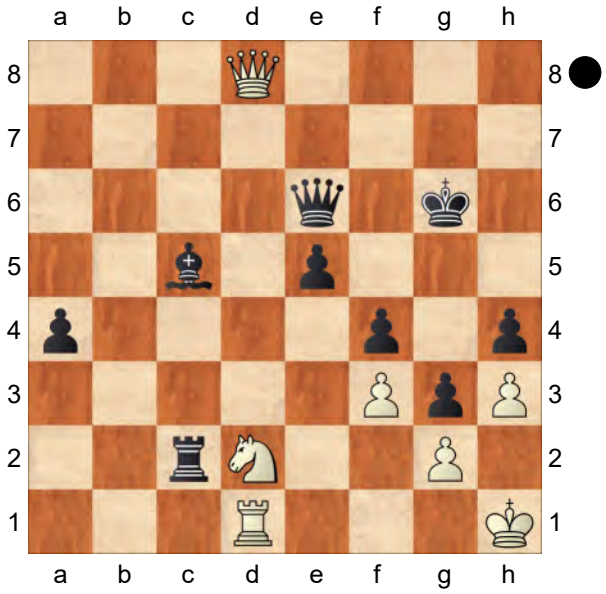
Inhibits Rc4. **56...Rdd8!-+** aiming for ... Qa2! **57.Rdd1 Rxc1 58.Rxc1 Rc8** Prevents Rc7. **59.Re1 h4 60.Rd1** -1.73/17
[60.Qd1∓ -1.30/22 was worth a try.]
60...Rc4 61.a5? -4.03/20 This move loses the game for White.
[61.Qb3∓ -1.57/22 might work better. Qc6 62.Qa3]
61...bxa5 White must now prevent ... Rb4. **62.Qb3 a4 63.Qa2 Qd5 64.Qb1** Prevents Rc1 **64...Qc6 65.Nd2 Rc2 66.Qb4 Bc5 67.Qb8?** -5.90/20
[67.Qa5 -3.66/19 was necessary.]

(Diagram)

67...Qe6! 68.Qh8+ Kg6 And now ...e4! would win. **69.Qd8**

(Diagram)





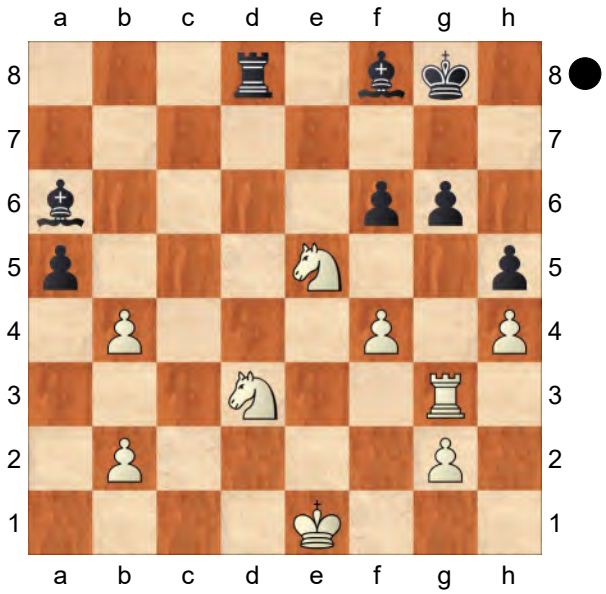
e4! Inhibits Qd3. Hoping for ...Be3.
70.fxe4
[70.Rb1 a3]
70...Be3 71.e5 Rxd2
[71...Qxe5 72.Nf3 Qe6 73.Nxh4+ *(73.Qxh4 a3=; 73.Qd3+ Kh6+-)* 73...Kg7 74.Rd7++-]
72.Rxd2 Bxd2
[72...Qxe5? perishes. 73.Rd6+ Kg7 74.Qc7+ Kf8 75.Rd8++-]
73.Qxd2 a3 74.Qd3+ Qf5 75.Qd6+ Kh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09

(flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

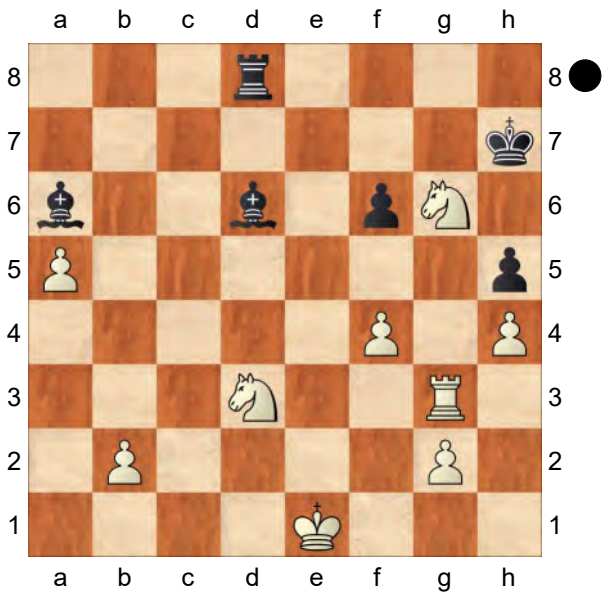
C20

□ **Hoon_Bot** **2840**
■ **the_magnificent_bob** **2970**
Rapid 30.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
I expect (hope!) that all of you, by now, have learned a way to stop the four-move checkmate, but don't skip to Chapter One just yet. What we are really interested in here is the best way to stop it, and this is because it teaches us something vital about good opening play. Let's have a closer look at the moves: **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.c3N**
[5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N,N]
[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3
A) 6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 *(7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Seidman URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18);
B) 6...d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1;
C) 6...h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 g5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Ne3 c6 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 18.Ng3 d5 19.0-0 Qc7 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (2.38)]
5...Bg7 6.d3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 Black is better. **8...d5** ...dxe4 is the strong threat. **9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qe2 a5 13.Ngf3 0-0 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rfe1 b6 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.Qd3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bg7** This pair of bishops is nice. **20.Rad1 c5 21.Nf3 Bc6 22.Qxd8 Rexd8 23.Rd2 Rd5 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 25.Ned2 Be6 26.h4 b5 27.Ne4 Bxb3 28.Nxc5 Ba2 29.Nd3 Bd5 30.Nfe5 Rd8 31.f4 Ba8 32.Re3 h5 33.Kf2 Bf8! 34.Nf3 Bb7 35.Ke1 Ba6 36.Nfe5** -2.32/21
[36.Nde5∓ -1.52/23]
36...b4!-+ 37.cxb4 f6
[37...Bxb4+ 38.Nxb4 axb4 39.Nc6=]
[37...axb4 38.b3∓]
38.Rg3

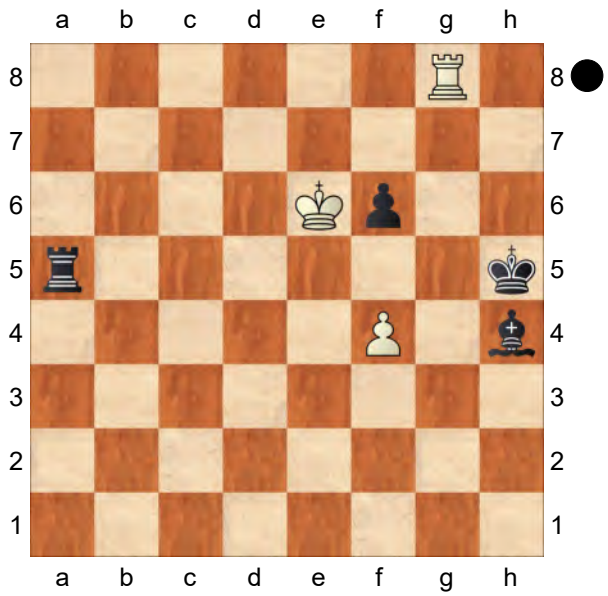


Kh7 39.Nxg6 Bd6 Strongly threatening ...Bxd3. **40.bxa5**



Rg8!
[40...Bxd3 41.Rxd3 Kxg6 42.Ke2=]
41.Re3 f5 would now be deadly.
41...Rxg6 42.b4 Bxd3
Remove Defender
[42...Rxg2 43.Re6 Bxd3 44.Rxd6∓]
43.Rxd3 Bxb4+ Endgame. KRB-KR
[Inferior is 43...Bxf4 44.Kf1=]
44.Kf2 -3.82/23
[44.Kf1 -2.72/23 was forced. Bxa5 45.Rd5]
44...Bxa5 45.Rd5 Bb6+ 46.Kf3 Kh6 47.Ke4? -5.50/26
[47.Rb5 -3.22/22 Bg1 48.Rb1]
47...Bf2 Black is clearly winning. **48.Rd8 Rg7**
[48...Bxh4? 49.Rh8+ Kg7 50.Rxh5∓]
49.Kf5 Bxh4 50.Rh8+ Rh7 51.Rb8 Ra7 52.g4 Ra5+ 53.Ke6 Kg6
Threatens to win with ...Ra6+. **54.gxh5+ Kxh5**
[54...Rxh5 55.Rg8+ Kh7 *(55...Kh6 56.Kf7=)* 56.Rg2∓]
55.Rg8

(Diagram)



Bg5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
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C20

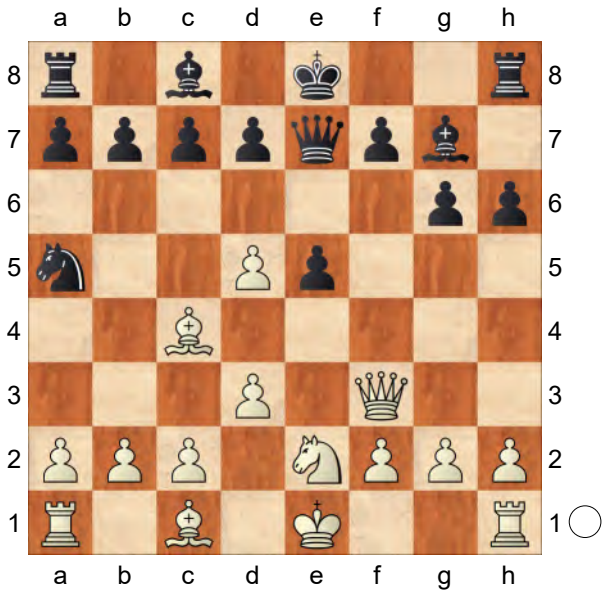
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2480**
World Rapid 2018 (2.1) 26.12.2018
[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves Destroying the Queen Raid: It was at this point that I discovered a coffeehouse in Seattle's University District called The Last Exit on Brooklyn. The chess players who met here were far more experienced players than my usual circle of friends. It was here that my Queen Raid approach received a number of nasty setbacks. The harshest lesson was the following game, which left a deep impression.This was a big game for me. I was playing an experienced adult chess player and was anxious to prove my newfound understanding of opening play. My

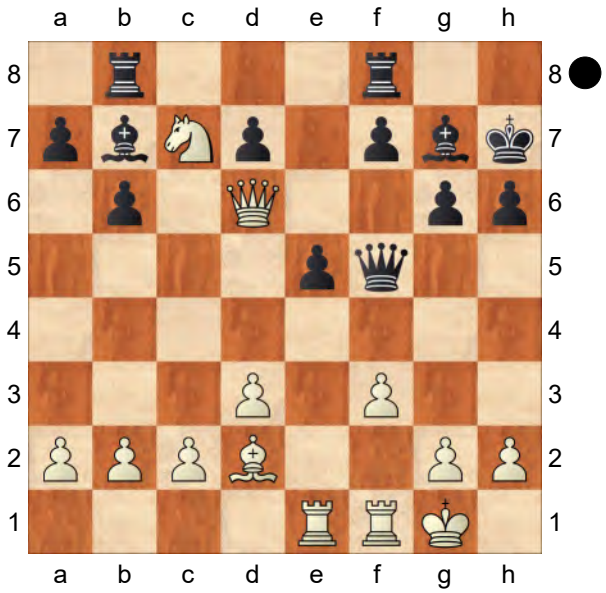
opening had but one aim: creating an avenue for my Queen to develop. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4**
[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas, J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]
3...g6 4.Qf3 Qe7N
[4...Nf6 5.Ne2 *(5.Qb3 Nd4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qc4 b5 8.Qc5+ Kxf7 9.Qc3 Bb4 10.Qd3 d5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 Bxc2#* Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid *)* 5...Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 6...d6 7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]
5.Ne2 Nf6 6.d3 Hoping for Bg5. **6...Bg7 7.Nbc3 h6** Prevents Bg5. **8.Nd5** The position is equal. **8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Na5**

(Diagram)

10.d6! cxd6 11.Bd5 Nc6 0.47/20
[11...Rb8!= 0.07/22 was preferrable.]
12.Bd2!± White has compensation.
12...Qf6 13.Qe4 0-0 14.0-0 Ne7 0.82/22
[14...Rb8!± 0.39/21 feels stronger.]
15.Nc3± Qf5 16.Qb4 Nxd5 1.66/21
[16...Kh7± 1.06/21]
17.Nxd5+- Ne7+ is the strong threat.



17...Kh7 18.Nc7 Rb8 19.Qxd6 b6 20.f3? -0.12/19
[20.Ne8!+- 2.22/21 Threatens to win with Nxg7. Rxe8 21.Qxb8]
20...Bb7= 21.Rae1 -1.05/18
[21.g4= -0.13/21 Qf6 22.Qxf6 Bxf6 23.Bb4]



21...Rfc8!∓ 22.Bc3? -3.09/18
[22.g4∓ -0.85/18 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.Nb5]

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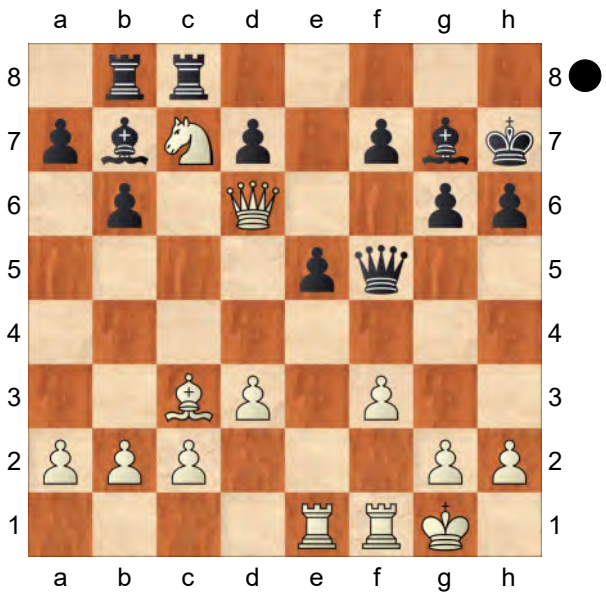
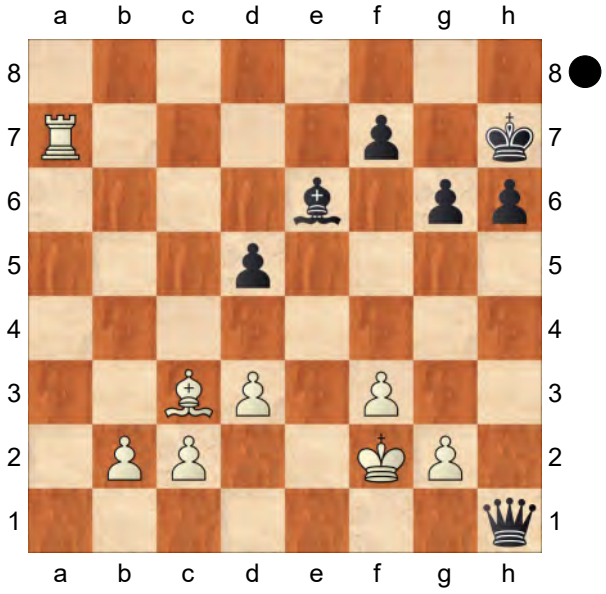


Loses the game. **22...Bf8!-+ 23.Nb5** -4.76/16
[23.Qxe5 -3.13/21 was worth a try. Qxe5 24.Bxe5]
23...Bxd6 Black is clearly winning. **24.Nxd6 Qe6 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Rxe5 Qd6 27.Rfe1 Bd5 28.a4 Be6 29.a5 bxa5 30.Kf1 Rc5 31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Ra1 d5 33.Rxa5 Qc7 34.Ra4 Qxh2 35.Rxa7 Qh1+ 36.Kf2**



d4! Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.18 (very precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=7 Black=7 Best: White=1 Black=2 Strong: -- Black=2 Brilliant: White=1 ---
0-1

C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2831**
■ **Blauer-Rausch** **2937**
Blitz 25.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Prevents Bg4. **7...0-0N**
[7...Nb4 8.Na3 d5 9.exd5 Nbxd5 10.0-0 0-0 2. 1.e4 openings-Parham/ Wayward Queen Attack 2]
[7...Na5 8.Nbc3
A) 8...0-0 9.a4 *(9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7* Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1 *)* 9...Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 2. Qh5 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou;
B) 8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 ½-½ (63) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]
[7...h6 8.Nbc3 Na5 9.g4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 12.h4 Nf6

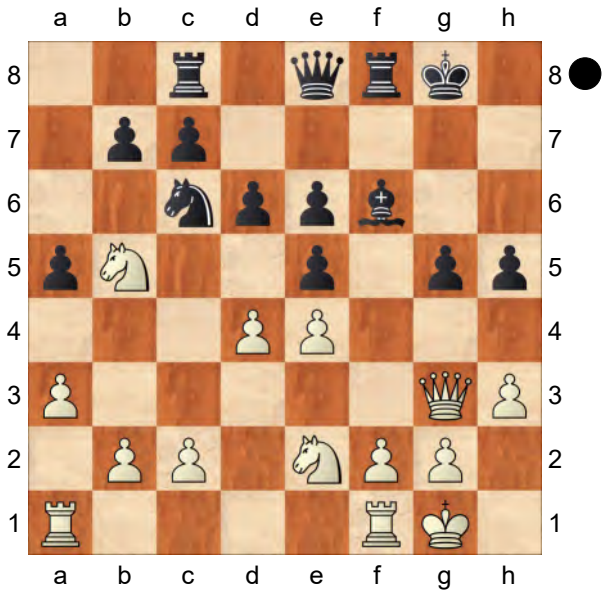
13.g5 Nh5 14.Be3 hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3 Qe7 20.Kb2 a6 21.Nxf4 Bxc4 22.Qd2 0-1 (25) Liang, A (2613)-Nihal,S (2648) chess.com Junior Speed chess.com INT 2022 (3. 26)]

8.a3 Repels Nb4. Black is slightly better.

8...a5 9.Nbc3 Be6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4 Qe8 14.Nb5 Rc8

[14...h5!? 15.Qg3□ Kh7=]

15.0-0 h5 16.Qg3 g5 17.d4



Deflection **17...Nxd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.f4 Qb5 20.Rae1** White is weak on the dark squares **20...Rce8**

[20...Qxb2 21.Qd3 Qb6 22.e5=]

21.Kh1 a4

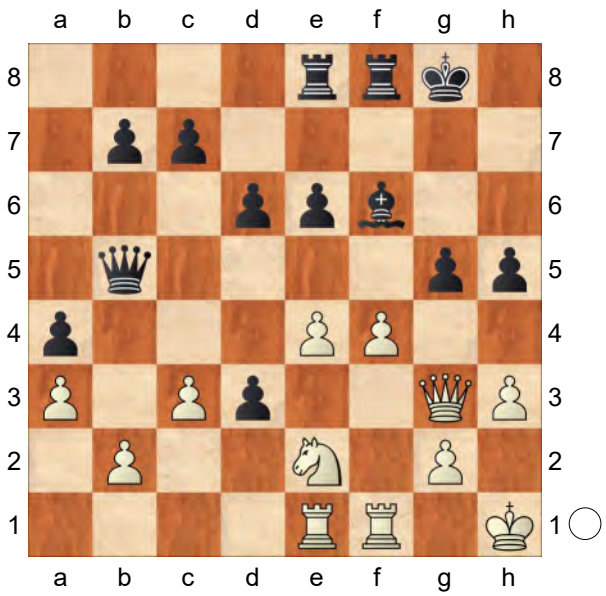
[21...Qxb2 22.Qd3 Qb6 23.e5=]

22.c3 d3

[22...Qxb2 23.cxd4 Qb5 24.e5 dxe5 25.dxe5±]

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...d2! **23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 d2**



[24...Qxb2? 25.Qxg5+ *(25.Qxd3 gxf4=)* 25...Kf7 26.e5+- *(26.Qxh5+ Ke7±)*]

25.Rd1! Re7

[25...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 26.Qxg5+ Kf7 27.f5+- *(27.Qxh5+ Ke7±)*]

26.Qe3 Prevents Qe2. **26...Rg7**

[26...Qxb2 with more complications. 27.f5 exf5 28.Qxg5+ Rg7]

27.Qxd2 g4 The position is equal.

28.Kh2 gxh3 29.gxh3 Kf7 30.d5 Qb3 aiming for ...Rg3. **31.dxe6+ Kxe6**

32.Rg1 Against Qg3+. The board is on fire. **32...Rxg1 33.Rxg1=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...Kd7** And now ...Qf3 would win. **34.f5 Qf3 35.Rg7+ Kc8 36.Qd5 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf1+ 38.Kh2 h4 39.Rg8 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf1+ 43.Kh2** Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

	C20
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■ **compchess60**	**2928**
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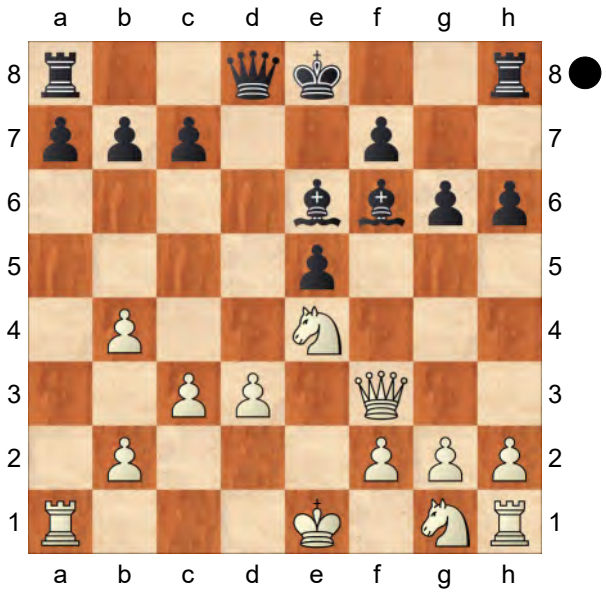
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

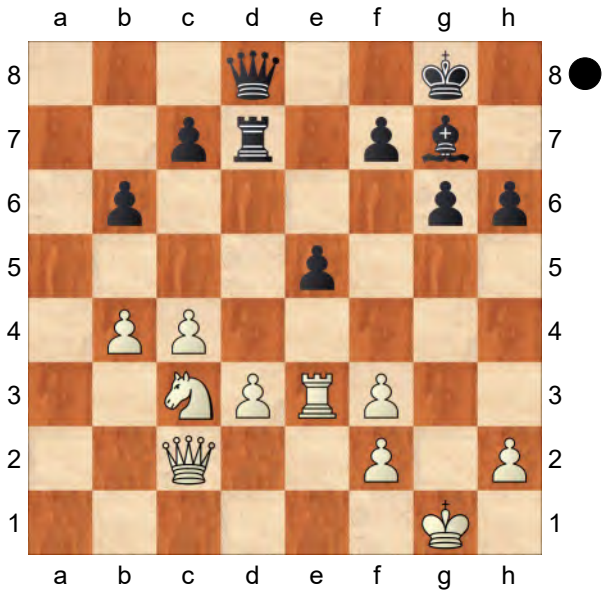
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.c3N

[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 0-0 8.a3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6* E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 1 *)* 6...0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]

5...Bg7 6.d3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 Black is better. **8...d5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.b4 dxe4 13.Nxe4**



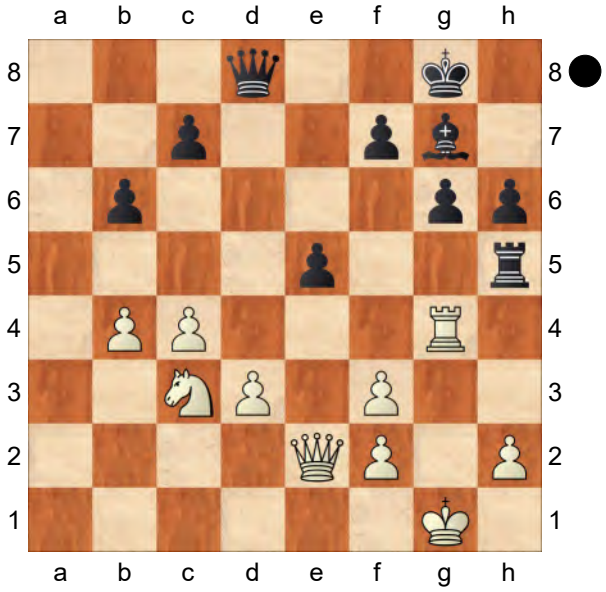
Bg7 14.Qe2 a6 15.Nf3 0-0 16.0-0 Re8 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Qc2 Bd5 19.Re3 Re7 20.c4 Bb7 21.Nc3 Qd7 22.b5 axb5 23.Rxa8+ Bxa8 24.Nxb5 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qd8 26.Nc3 Rd7 27.b4



Rd4! 28.Qe2 -1.42/18

[⌓28.Ne2 -0.96/20 Rh4 29.Ng3]

28...Rh4∓ Strongly threatening ...Qg5+. **29.Re4 Rh5** White must now prevent ... f5. **30.Rg4**



e4! Decoy **31.Nxe4 f5 32.Rxg6 fxe4 33.Qxe4** -1.90/20

[33.fxe4∓ -1.30/22 Rg5+ 34.Rxg5 Qxg5+ 35.Kf1]

33...Rg5+-+ 34.Kf1 Rxg6 35.Qxg6 Qd6 36.Qf5 Qf8

[36...Qxh2 37.Qd5+ Kf8 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kf6 40.Qd8+ Kf7

41.Qd7+ Kf6 42.Qd8+ Kg6 43.Qe8+ Kg5 44.Qf7 Qh1+ 45.Ke2∓]
37.Qg4 Kh8
[37...Qxb4 38.Qe6+ Kh8 39.Qc8+ Qf8 40.Qxc7]
38.h3 Bc3
[38...Qxb4 39.Qc8+ Qf8 40.Qxc7]
39.b5 Be5 40.Ke2 Bd6 41.Qg6 Qe7+ 42.Kf1 Qg5 43.Qf7 Qf4 44.Qg6 Qc1+
[44...Qxf3 45.Qxh6+ Kg8 46.Qg5+ Kh7 47.Qe3∓]
45.Ke2 Qg5 Prevents Qf6+ **46.Qe4 Kg7** Active counter play! **47.h4 Qg6 48.d4 h5 49.Qd5 Qf7 50.Qc6 Qf5 51.Kd2 Qf4+ 52.Kd3 Be7**
[52...Qxh4 53.c5 bxc5 54.dxc5-+]
53.c5 Black is clearly winning. **53...Bf6**
[53...Qxh4 54.Qxc7 bxc5 55.dxc5=]
[53...Bxh4? 54.Ke2-+]
54.Qd5 Kh6
[54...Bxh4 55.cxb6 cxb6 56.Qxh5∓]
[54...Qxh4? 55.cxb6 cxb6 56.Qb7+ Kg6 57.Qxb6-+]
55.cxb6 cxb6 56.Qc6 Qxd4+
[56...Qxh4? 57.Qxb6 Qf4 58.d5-+]
57.Ke2 Kg7
[57...Qxh4 58.Kf1 Qd4 59.f4-+]
58.Qc7+ Kg8 Hoping for ...Qe5+.
59.Kf1 Bxh4
[59...Qxh4 60.Qxb6 Qh3+ 61.Ke2-+]
60.Qc8+ Kf7 61.Qb7+ Be7 62.Kg2 Kf6 aiming for ...Bc5. **63.Qc6+ Kg7 64.Qc7 Qd6 65.Qb7 Kh6 66.f4 Qg6+ 67.Kf1 Qd3+ 68.Kg2 Bc5 69.Qa8 Qg6+ 70.Kh2 Qf6** Prevents Qh8+.
[70...Bxf2 71.Qh8+ Qh7 72.Qf6+ Qg6 73.Qh8+ Qh7 74.Qf6+ Qg6 75.Qh8+=]
71.Kg3 Qg7+ 72.Kf3 Qg4+ 73.Ke4 Qe2+ 74.Kf5 Qd3+
[74...Bxf2 75.Qh8#]
75.Ke5 Bd4+
[And not 75...Bxf2 76.Qf8+ Kh7 77.Qf7+ Kh6 78.Qf8+ Kh7 79.Qf7+ Kh6 80.Qf8+=]
[75...Qxb5 76.Qh8+ Kg6 77.Qg8+ Kh6 78.Qh8+ Kg6 79.Qg8+ Kh6 80.Qh8+=]
76.Kd6 Qg6+ -15.91/26
[⌓76...Bc5+ -10.06/19 77.Ke6 Qg6+ *(77...Bxf2 78.Qf8+ Kh7 79.Qf7+ Kh6 80.Qf8+ Kh7 81.Qe7+ Kh8 82.Qf6+ Kg8 83.Qf7+ Kh8 84.Qe8+ Kg7 85.Qf7+ Kh6 86.Qf8+=)* 78.Ke5 Bd6+ *(78...Bxf2 79.Qh8+ Qh7 80.Qf6+ Qg6 81.Qh8+ Qh7 82.Qf6+ Qg6 83.Qh8+=)* 79.Kd4 Bxf4]
77.Kc7 Qf7+ 78.Kd6 Qxf4+ Normal.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
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C20
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Blitz 18.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
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[5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N,N]
[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3

A) 6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 *(7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Seidman URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18);

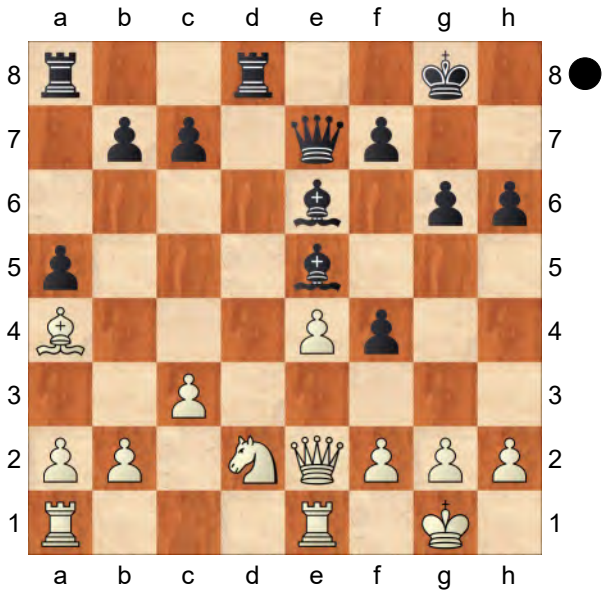
B) 6...d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1;

C) 6...h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 g5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Ne3 c6 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 18.Ng3 d5 19.0-0 Qc7 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (2.38)]

5...Na5 6.Be2 d5 7.d3 h6 8.Qe3 Black is better. **8...Nc6 9.Bd1 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Be6 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Ba4 Qd6 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.Qd1 Nf4 16.Nb1 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qe7 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Nbd2 Rfd8 20.Re1 Ne5** Black has more active pieces. **21.Nxe5 Bxe5** White is weak on the dark squares **22.Qe2**

(Diagram)

Bg4! Deflection **23.Nf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 c6 25.Rad1 Rdb8 26.a3 Qe6 27.Qc2 Qh3 28.Rd3 Re8 29.Qe2 Re7 30.Red1 Kg7 31.Qf1 Qe6 32.R1d2 b5 33.Bd1 h5 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Rxd8 Bd6 36.Kg2 Rb7 37.Qe2 Qe7 38.Rc8 Qd7! 39.Ra8 Be5 40.a4 b4 41.Rxa5**



bxc3 42.bxc3

[42.Rxe5? loses. cxb2 *(42...Rxb2 43.Qc4=)* 43.Bc2 Qd4-+ *(43...b1B 44.Rc5=; 43...b1N 44.Qc4±; 43...b1Q? 44.Bxb1 Qd4 45.Rb5-+; 43...b1B 44.Rc5=; 43...b1N 44.Qc4±; 43...b1Q? 44.Bxb1 Qd4 45.Rg5-+)*]

42...Qd6↑ Black has some pressure. **43.Qc2 Qf6** Black has compensation. **44.Ra6 Rd7 45.Be2 Qg5+ 46.Kf1 Qh4 47.Kg1** -3.05/19 Now White is beyond hope.

[47.Kg2∓ -1.05/21]

47...g5!-+ White must now prevent ...g4. **48.Ra5** -3.15/21

[⌓48.Rxc6 -1.95/26 g4 49.Qc1]

48...Bc7! 49.Rf5 Bb6 50.Bf1

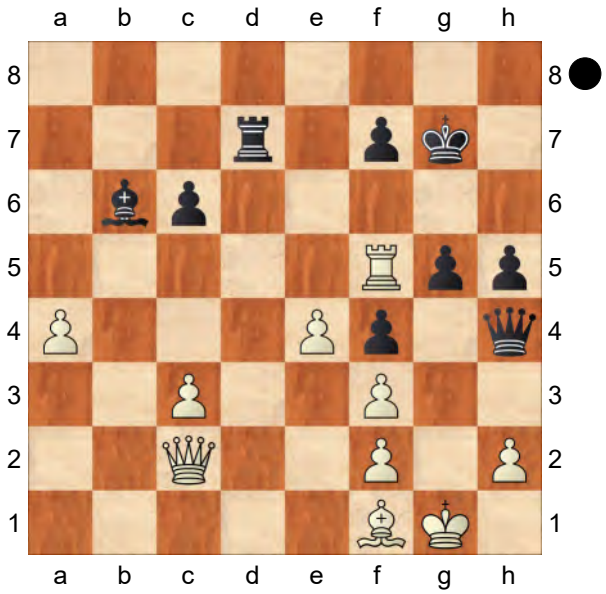
(Diagram)

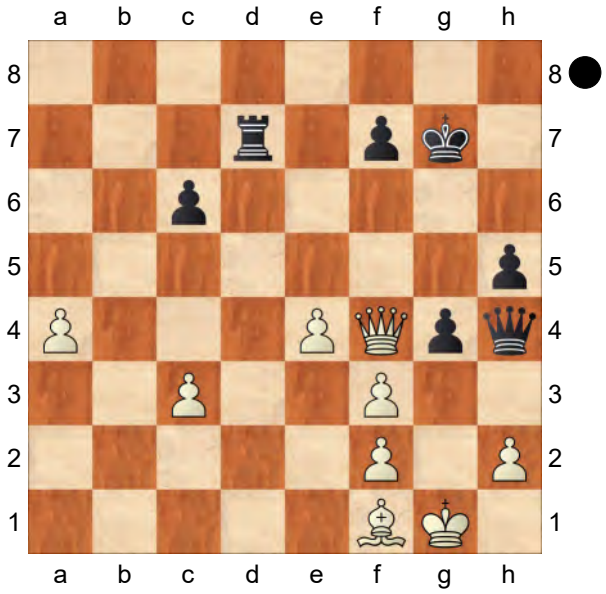
aiming for e5. **50...g4! 51.Rxf4 Bc7 52.Qc1**

[But not 52.e5 Bxe5 53.Qf5 Bxf4 54.Qxf4 Qf6-+]

52...Bxf4 53.Qxf4

(Diagram)





Qf6 Prevents e5 **54.Qxf6+ Kxf6 55.fxg4 hxg4** Endgame. Threatens to win with ...Ra7. KR-KB **56.f3?** -7.43/22
[56.Kg2 -3.54/24 Ra7 57.f4 gxf3+ *(57...Rxa4? 58.Bd3-+)* 58.Kxf3]
56...gxf3 Black is clearly winning. **57.Kf2 Rd1 58.Ba6 Ke5 59.Kxf3 Rc1 60.c4 Ra1 61.Bb7 Ra3+ 62.Kf2 Kd6**
[Weaker is 62...Kxe4 63.Bxc6+ Kd4 64.h4∓]
63.Bc8 Rxa4 64.Kg3 Rxc4 65.Kf4 Rc1 66.h3 Rf1+ 67.Ke3 Ke5 ...Re1+ would now be deadly. **68.Bd7 c5 69.h4 Re1+** Deflection **70.Kf2 Rxe4 71.h5 Rh4 72.Be8 Rxh5** Hoping for ... c4. **73.Ke1 Rf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

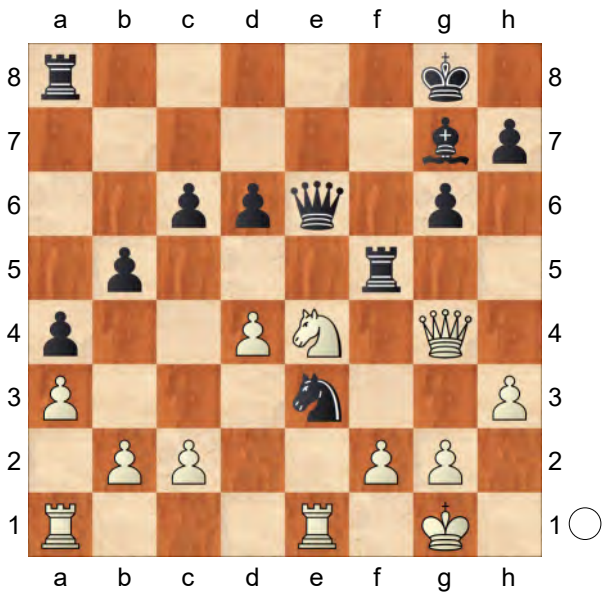
C20

□ **Hoon_Bot** **2815**
■ **Intron014** **2940**
Blitz 02.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.a3 c6 7.d3 0-0 8.Qg3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nh5 9.Qg5 Bf6 10.Qd2 b5 11.Ba2 a5 12.Nf3 Nf4 13.0-0 Bg4** White must now prevent ...Bxf3. **14.Qe3 Nd7 15.d4 Bg7 16.h3 Be6 17.Rd1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 f5 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Ne2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qe8! 22.Be3 e4 23.Nd2 a4 24.Re1 Qe6 25.Raa1 Nb6 26.Qg4 Nc4 27.Nxe4 Nxe3**
[27...h5!? 28.Qh4□ Nxe3
Remove Defender 29.Rxe3 Bxd4∓]

(Diagram)

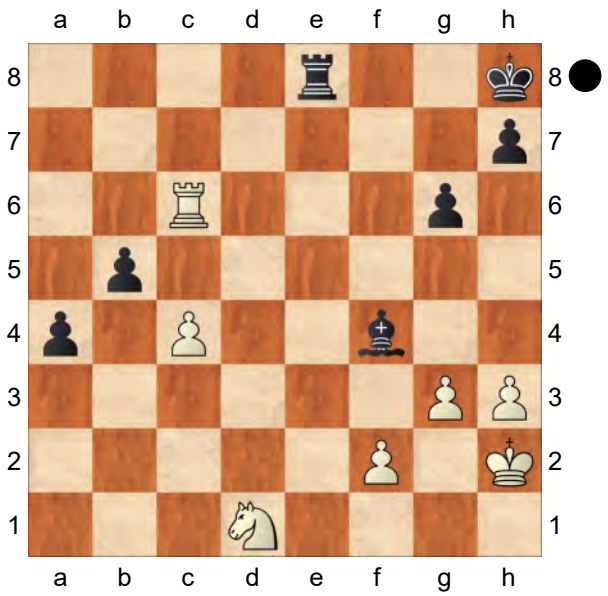
Remove Defender **28.Rxe3 Bxd4 29.Rd3 Bxb2 30.Rxd6 Qe5 31.Ra2 Raf8** -0.19/19
[31...Rf4 32.Qe6+ Qxe6 33.Rxe6±]
[31...b4∓ -0.58/19 feels stronger. 32.Rxb2 *(32.axb4 a3=)* 32...Qxb2 33.Rxg6+ Kh8 *(33...hxg6 34.Qxg6+ Qg7 35.Qxf5=)* 34.Qxf5 hxg6 35.Qxg6 bxa3 *(35...Qxa3 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Kh2±)*]



32.c3!=
[32.Rxc6? Rxf2 *(32...Qd5 33.Rxg6+ hxg6 34.Rxb2=)* 33.Qe6+ *(33.Nxf2 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Be5+)* 33...Qxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxc2-+]
32...Bc1
[32...Bxc3!? 33.Re2□ Kh8=]
33.Ra1
[33.Rxc6? is the wrong capture. Qd5-+]
33...Bb2 34.Re1 Bxa3
[Don't play 34...Bxc3 35.Nf6+ Qxf6 36.Rxf6 Bxf6 37.Qe4=]
35.Rxc6 The position is equal. **35...Kh8 36.Qd1** Against Rd8. And now Qa1 would win. **36...Re8 37.Re3 Qd5 38.Qxd5 Rxd5 39.c4T** White has counterplay **39...Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Bc1 41.Nc3!** Discovered Attack, Double Attack **41...Bxe3 42.Nxd1** Endgame. KRB-KRN **42...Bf4+ 43.g3**

(Diagram)

b4! 44.gxf4 Threatens to win with Ra6. KRN-KR **44...a3 45.Ra6** Against Ra8. aiming for Ne3. **45...Re1 46.Ne3 b3** Inhibits Nc2. **47.Rxa3 b2 48.Rb3 b1Q**



[48...b1B? loses. 49.Kg3+-]
49.Rxb1 Rxb1 KR-KN **50.f5 gxf5 51.Nxf5 Rc1 52.Ne3 Rb1 53.Kg3 Kg7 54.f4 Kf6 55.Kf2 Ke6 56.Kf3 Rh1 57.Kg4 Rg1+ 58.Kf3! Rh1 59.Kg4 Re1 60.Kf3 Kd6 61.Nd5 Rc1 62.Kg4 Ke6 63.Ne3 Rg1+ 64.Kf3! Rh1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

C20
□ **Hoon_Bot** **2808**
■ **PurpleHunter** **2522**
Blitz 02.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
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moves: **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.c3N**
[5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N,N]
[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3
A) 6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 *(7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Seidman URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18);
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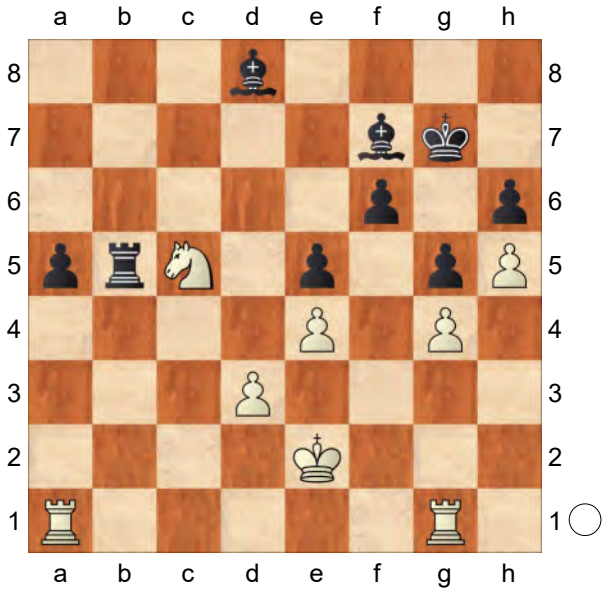
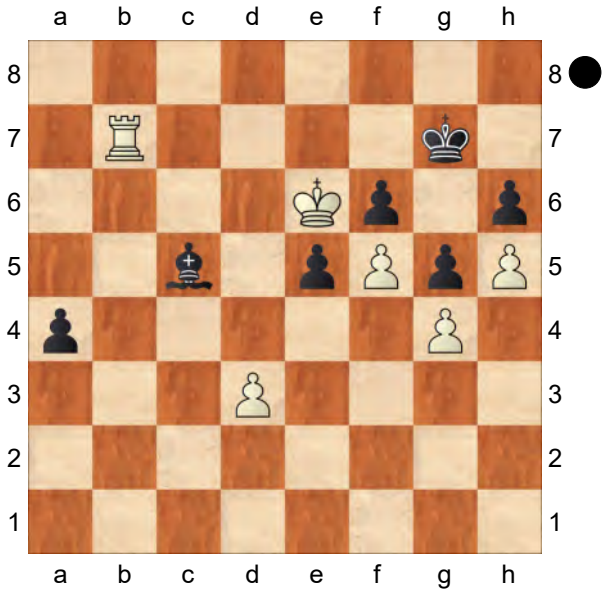
[But not 18...Qxc3?! 19.Qxh6 Bg7 20.Qh4=]
19.fxe3 Kg7 20.Nb3 Nb7 21.Kf2 Rfe8 22.g4 Be7 23.a4 f6 24.Rg1 Red8 25.Rcd1 c5 26.Nc1 Kh7 27.Ne2 Na5 28.h4 Rd7 29.h5 g5 30.c4 Nc6 31.Nc3 Nb4 32.Ne1 Bf8 33.Ke2 Bc8 34.a5 Rb7 35.Ra1 Kg7 36.axb6 Rxb6 37.Kd2 Bd6 38.Nf3 Be6 39.Nd5 Rb7 40.Bd1 a5 41.Ba4 Rab8 42.Nc3 Bc7 43.Ke2 Ra8 44.Nd2 Bd6 45.Ndb1 Rab8 46.Na3 Bf8 47.Kd2 Kf7 48.Nab5 Bd7 49.Nd5 Be7 50.Nbc3 Threatens to win with Bxd7. White is more active. A dynamic duo of knights. **50...Be6 51.Ke2 Kg7** 1.67/20
[51...Ra7± 1.13/21]
52.Bb5+- Bd8 53.Na4 Nxd5 54.exd5 Bxd5 55.Nxc5! Rxb5 56.cxb5 Rxb5 57.e4 Bf7



58.Na4 Be8 2.84/26
[⌓58...Be7 1.69/23 59.Rgb1 Bb4]
59.Rgc1 Rc8 would now be deadly.
59...Rb8 2.37/24
[59...Rb4 1.93/23 was necessary.]
60.Nc5 Rcb1 is the strong threat.
60...Kg8 61.Rcb1 Ra8 62.Na4 Kf7 63.Rb7+ Kg8 64.Rb2 Kf7 65.Nb6 Rb8 66.Nc4 Rxb2+ 67.Nxb2 Endgame. KRN-KB **67...Bd7 68.Kf3** Black must now prevent Nc4. **68...Ke8?** 4.89/25
[68...Ke6 2.90/23 69.Nc4 Ke7 70.Nxa5 Bxa5]
69.Nc4 a4 70.Nd6+ Kf8 71.Nf5 Be7 72.Rb1 Bxf5 73.exf5 KR-KB

[Less strong is 73.gxf5 Bd6 74.Rd1 Ke7+-]

73...Ke8 74.Ke4 Kf7 75.Kd5 Kg7 76.Ke6 Bc5 77.Rb7+



Deflection **77...Kg8 78.Kxf6** Threatening mate with Rg7+. **78...a3 79.Rg7+ Kh8 80.Kg6** White mates. **80...e4 81.f6 a2 82.f7 a1N 83.Rg8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise) **1-0**

		C20
□	**Alexandr_KhleBovich**	**2763**
■	**derdimcokanacan**	**2789**
Blitz		26.01.2024

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[5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N,N]

[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3

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5...Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.h4 -1.53/20

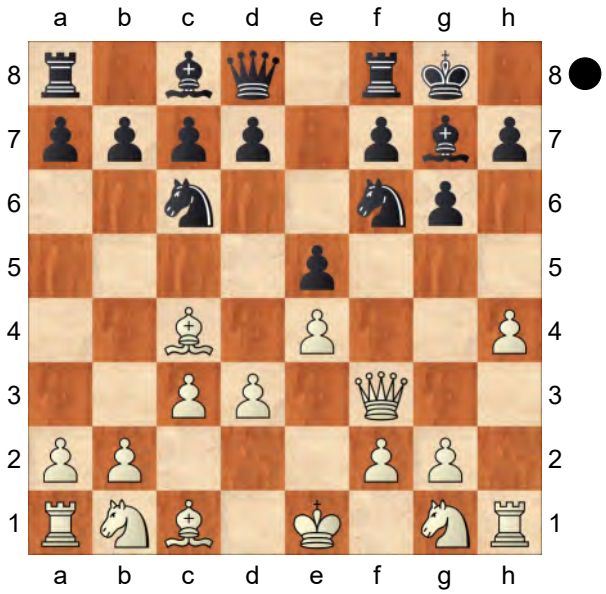
[⌓7.a4 -0.75/20]

(Diagram)

7...d5!∓ 8.Bxd5 Black is clearly better. **8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.c4 c6 11.Nc3 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 b5** -0.41/18

[13...h5∓ -1.38/20 14.Ne2 Bg4]

14.h5∓ Bb7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qh3 h5

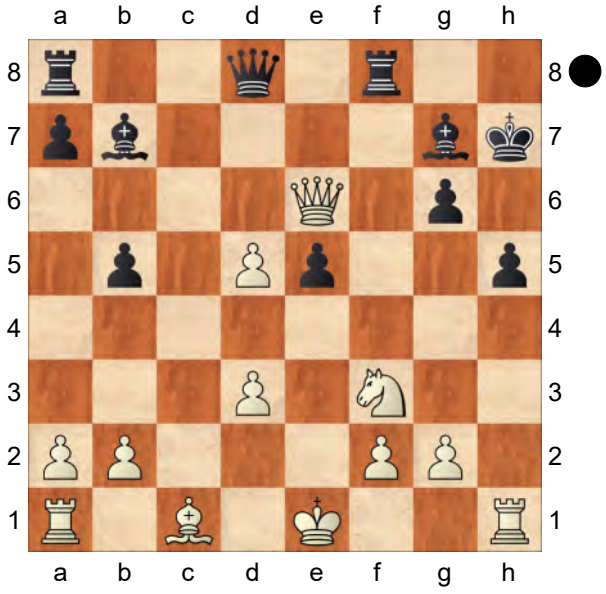


[Don't play 16...Bxd5?! 17.Qxh7+ Kf7 18.Bh6±]

17.Qe6+ -1.03/21

[17.Qg3= -0.19/19]

17...Kh7∓ 18.Nf3



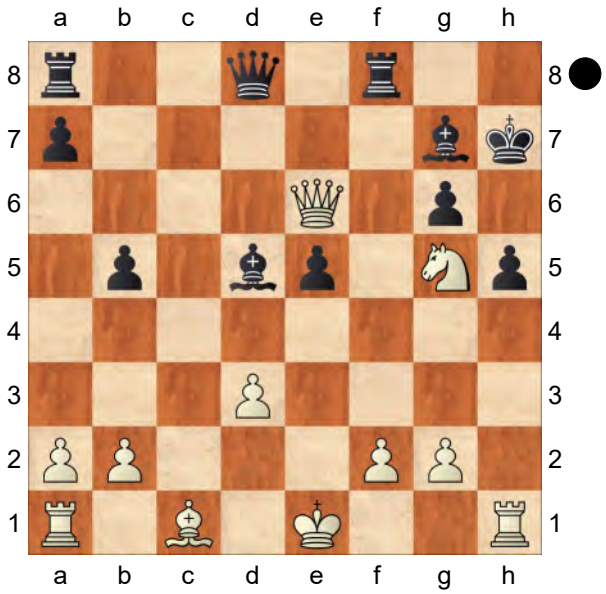
Bxd5 -0.07/22

[Inferior is 18...Qxd5 19.Ng5+ Kh8 20.Qxg6]

[18...Rxf3!∓ -1.03/21 19.gxf3 Bxd5]

19.Ng5+=

(Diagram)



Qxg5! 20.Qxd5 Qf5 21.Be3 Rad8 22.Qe4 Rxd3 23.Qxf5 Rxf5

[23...gxf5 simplifies 24.Rxh5+ Kg6 25.Rg5+ Kf6]

24.g4 Rf3 25.gxh5 Ke2 would now be deadly. **25...e4 26.hxg6+** 0.10/18

[26.Rc1± 0.52/19]

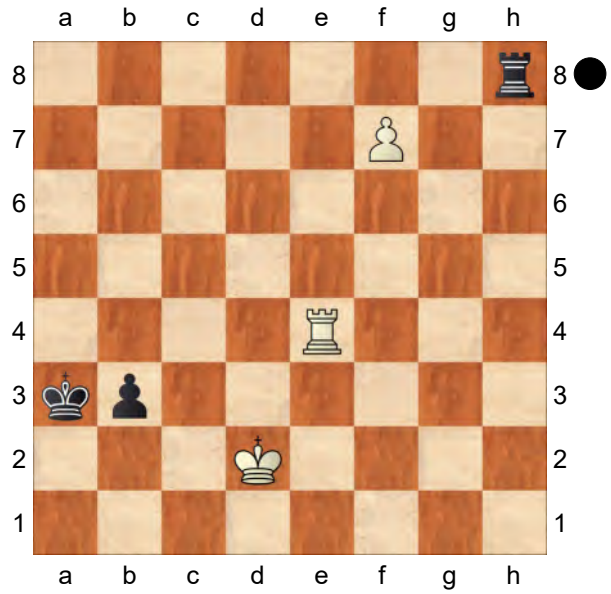
26...Kxg6 27.Rg1+ Kf7 28.Rc1 Bxb2 29.Rc7+ Kf6 30.Rxa7 Bd4 31.Ra6+ Ke5 32.Rg5+ Rf5 33.Rxf5+ Kxf5 34.Bxd4 Rxd4 Endgame. KR-KR **35.Ra5 Rb4 36.a3 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 Kf4 38.Ra8 Rb2+ 39.Ke1 Ke5 40.Re8+ Kd4 41.Rd8+ Kc4 42.Re8 Kd3 43.Rd8+ Kc3 44.Re8 Kb3 45.Rxe4 Kxa3** Threatens to win with ...b4. **46.f4 b4 47.f5 Rh2** aiming for ...b3. **48.f6** Hoping for f7. **48...b3** (-> ...b2) **49.f7 Rh8** White must now prevent ...b2. **50.Kd2?** -10.84/26

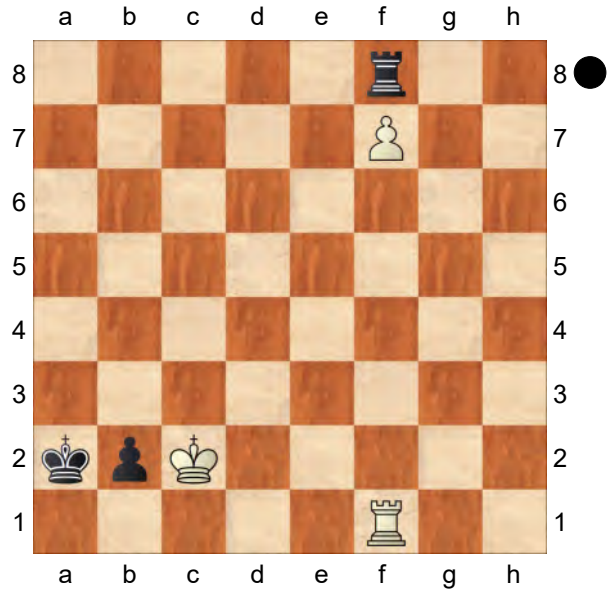
[50.Re7= 0.00/27]

(Diagram)

50...b2!-+ 51.Re1 Rf8 ...Ka2! is the strong threat. **52.Rf1 Ka2 53.Kc2**

(Diagram)





Rxf7!! Deflection, Promotion **54.Rxf7**
[54.Rh1 Rb7]
54...b1Q+
[Stronger than 54...b1R 55.Ra7#]
55.Kd2 Qb2+ -15.41/20
[⌓55...Qb4+ -#16/18 56.Ke3 Qb3+ 57.Kf4 Qxf7+ 58.Ke5 Kb3 59.Kd6 Qf6+ 60.Kd5 Qe7 61.Kd4 Qe6 62.Kd3 Qe5 63.Kd2 Qe4 64.Kd1 Kc3 65.Kc1 Qh1#]
56.Ke1 Qe5+ 57.Kf2 Qc5+ Time forfeit.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/
Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

C20

□ **Rapport,Richard** **2763**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2650**
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[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Kosten,Tony: 'MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves'' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6**
[6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18)]
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8...0-0N
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[8...Na5 9.g4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6

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9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 -0.94/20

[11.Bd2= -0.30/24 keeps the balance.]

11...g5∓ 12.Nd5? -3.52/21

[12.Qg2∓ -0.97/23 was worth a try.]

12...Ne7? 0.01/24

[12...Nd4!-+ -3.52/21 13.Nxd4 exd4]

13.Ne3 -0.42/23

[13.Nxe7+= 0.01/24 feels stronger. Qxe7 14.Ng3]

13...c6∓ 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 -0.07/22

[15...d5∓ -0.79/20]

16.axb3= Qb6 17.Ra3! Nf6 1.23/24

[17...Rfd8= 0.13/24]

18.Ng3 0.60/23

[18.Nc4!± 1.23/24 Qc7 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.h6]

18...d5 19.0-0 Qc7 20.Nef5! Nxf5 21.Nxf5 Qd7 22.Kg2 0.30/20

[22.Be3± 0.87/20]

22...Rfe8 23.Re1 Bf8 24.Ra4 b5 25.Ra1 Re6 0.37/20

[25...a4= 0.00/20 was preferrable.]

26.Be3 c5 27.exd5! Nxd5 28.c4 Nb6 29.Qe4 a4 1.22/20

[29...b4± 0.43/18]

30.b4 Rc8 31.cxb5! Qxb5 32.bxc5 Bxc5 33.Rac1 0.13/13

[White should play 33.Bxc5± 1.02/19 Rxc5 34.Rec1]

33...Bxe3 34.Rxc8+

[34.Qxe3 simplifies Qd7 35.Rxc8+ Nxc8 36.Qf3]

34...Nxc8 35.Rxe3 Threatens to win with Qa8.

[Of course not 35.fxe3 Nd6 *(35...Qxb2+ 36.Kh3=)* 36.Qa8+ Re8 *(36...Kh7 37.Rf1∓)* 37.Nxh6+ Kh7-+]

35...Nd6 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qf8? -2.10/23

[37.Nxd6= 0.00/25 and White has nothing to worry. Rxd6 38.Re4]

37...Nxf5!-+ 38.gxf5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **38...Qd5+?** -0.19/20

[38...Rf6-+ -2.61/22 39.Qa3 g4 *(39...Rxf5? 40.Qc3-+)*]

39.f3= Rf6 ...Qd4! would now be deadly.

[39...Rb6!? 40.Kg3 e4 *(40...Rxb2 41.f6)* 41.Rxe4 Qxf5∓ *(41...Qxd3 42.Qxf7+ Kh8 43.Re8#)*]

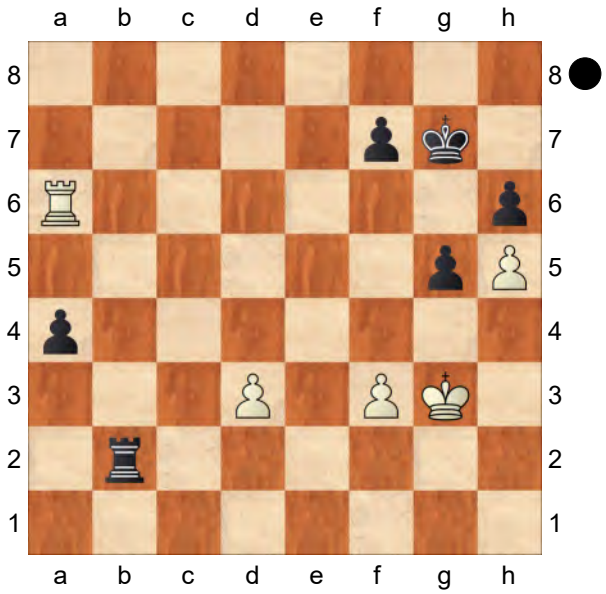
40.Qb4 Rxf5 aiming for ...g4! **41.Qe4 Qxe4 42.Rxe4** KR-KR **42...Rf4 43.Rxe5 Rb4 44.Ra5** -1.65/33

[44.Re2∓ -0.69/26]

44...Rxb2+-+ 45.Kg3 Rb4 46.Ra6 Kg7 47.Kg2? -3.27/28

[47.Ra7∓ -0.85/28]

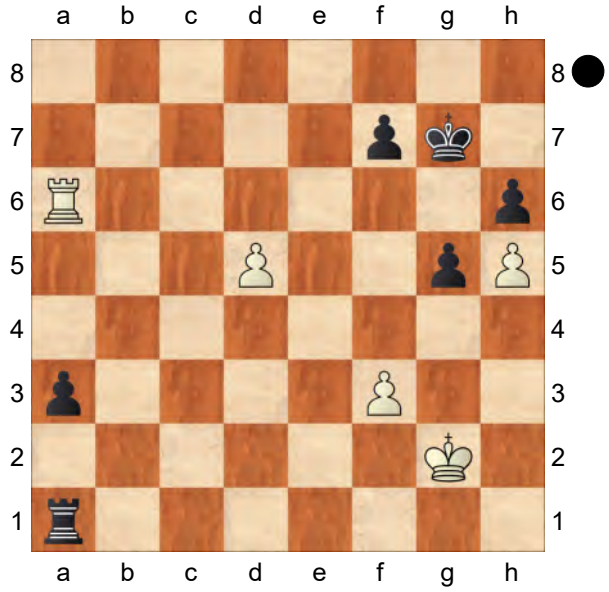
47...Rb2+! 48.Kg3



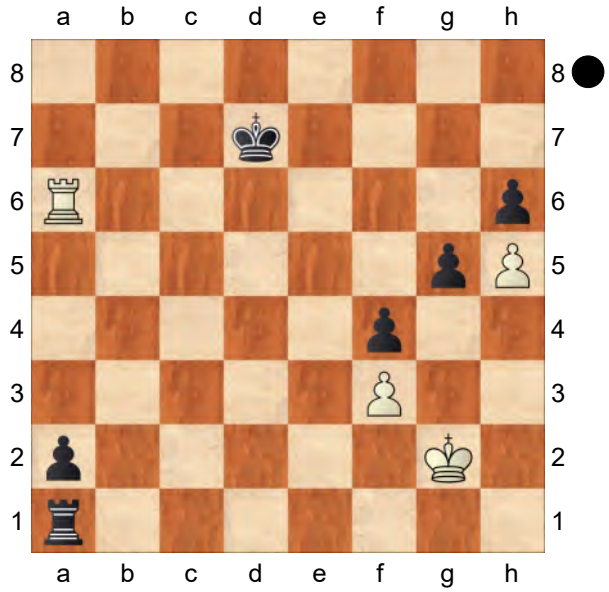
Ra2 49.d4? -4.53/26

[49.f4 -2.40/23 is the only way for White.]

49...a3 Strongly threatening ...Ra1.
50.d5 -5.41/33
[50.Kg4 -3.85/21 might work better. Rd2 51.Rxa3]
50...Ra1 White must now prevent ...a2. Black is clearly winning. **51.Kg2**



a2! 52.d6 Kf6 53.d7+ Ke7 54.Ra7 Kd8 55.Kh2 f5 56.Kg2 f4 57.Ra4 Kxd7 ...g4! is the strong threat. **58.Ra6**

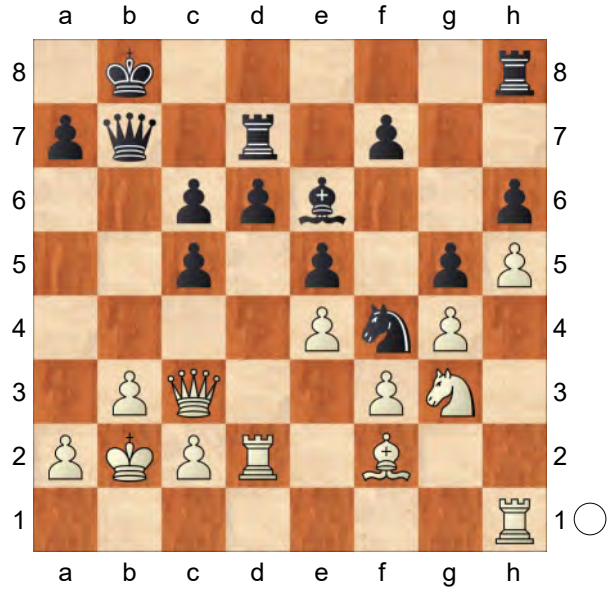


g4!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

C20
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru 2745**
■ **Ongut,Tamas Gunes 2242**
Titled Tuesday intern op 3rd Sept blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

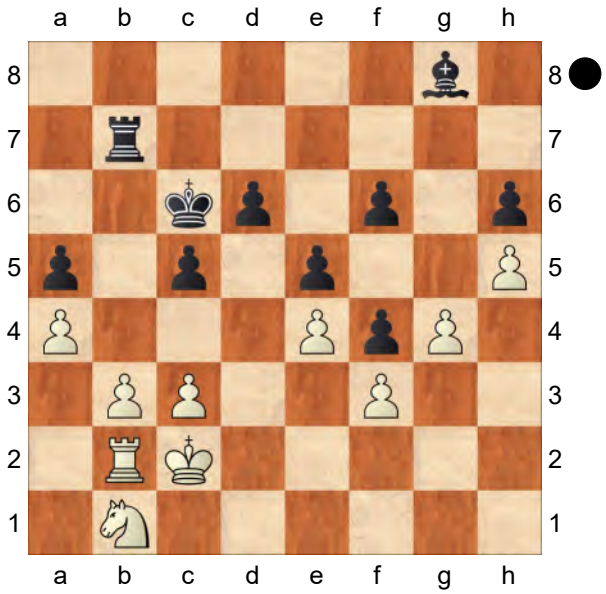
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Kosten,Tony: 'MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves'' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Prevents Bg4. **7...Na5 8.Nbc3** Black is slightly better. **8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.b3**
[10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 Bh6 23.Bg1 Kg7 24.Nd5 Bxd5 ½-½ (63) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]
10...h6 0.26/21
[⌓10...0-0 -0.27/21]
11.g4 -0.34/24
[11.Qd3= 0.26/21]
11...Nd7 12.Ng3N
[12.h4 Nf6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Be3 hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3 Qe7 20.Kb2 a6 21.Nxf4 Bxc4 22.Qd2 Be6 23.Nfe2 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 d5 25.exd5 Bxd5 0-1 Liang,A (2613)-Nihal,S (2648) chess.com Junior Speed chess.com INT 2022 (3.26)]
12...Qe7 13.h4 c6 14.Be3 0-0-0 0.31/23
[14...Nf6!= -0.10/23]
15.Qe2 Kb8 16.f3 Bf6 17.h5 Bh4
18.Bf2 Bxg3 1.06/19
[18...Bg5= -0.10/21]
19.Bxg3± g5 1.36/20
[⌓19...Nc5 0.97/22]

20.0-0-0 0.73/29
[⌓20.Bf2 1.36/20]
20...Nc5 21.Bf2 Bc8 22.Qe3
Threatens to win with b4. **22...b6**
23.Ne2 Ne6 24.Ng3 0.10/21
White is more active.
[24.Rd2± 0.99/21]
24...Nf4= 25.Kb2 Be6 0.66/24
[25...d5= 0.17/22]
26.Qc3 0.25/26
[26.a4± 0.66/24]
26...Qb7 0.68/20
[26...Qc7= 0.25/26]
27.Rd2 0.31/22
[⌓27.a4 0.68/20]
27...Rd7 0.73/23
[27...Qc7!± 0.31/22]
28.c5 Black must now prevent Rhd1.
28...bxc5 0.79/22
[28...Qc7!± 0.40/23 feels stronger.]

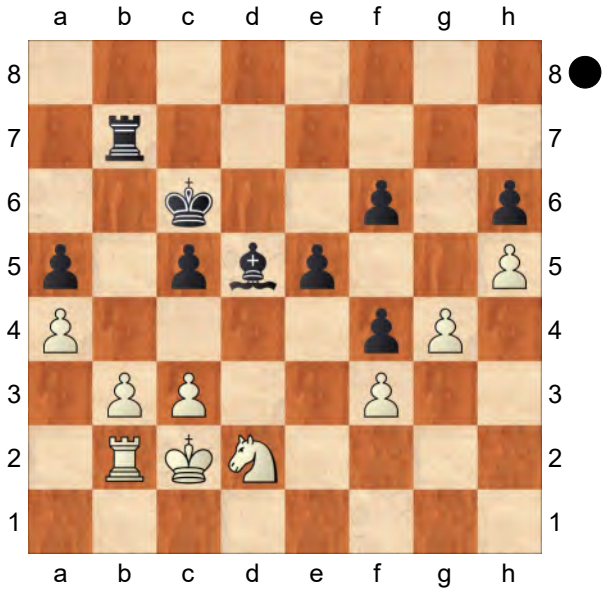


29.Bxc5!± Rhd8 30.Ba3 -0.09/22
[30.Be3± 0.73/23]
30...c5= 31.Rhd1 f6 32.Nf1 -0.43/23
[32.Qa5= 0.00/23]
32...Qc6 0.00/25
[32...Qa6∓ -0.43/23]
33.Ne3 Ka8 0.26/25
[33...Qa6∓ -0.33/24]
34.Ka1
[34.Qa5 is interesting. Qb6 35.Qa4 Rc7 36.Nc4]
34...Qb7 35.Qa5 And now Bxc5! would win. **35...Qb6 36.Qc3 Qb7** 0.61/23
[Better is 36...Qa6= 0.11/27 37.Bc1 Qb6]
37.Bc1 0.21/24
[37.Qa5± 0.61/23 should be considered. Qc6 38.c4]
37...Qc6 38.Qb2 Qb7 39.Qa3 Qb6
40.Bb2 Qc6 0.82/22
[40...d5= 0.23/21]
41.Bc3 0.34/28
[41.c4± 0.82/22]
41...Qb6? 3.21/21
[41...d5± 0.34/28 42.Ba5 d4 43.Bxd8 Rxd8]
42.Ba5+- Qa6 43.Kb2? 0.42/26
[43.Qa4+- 3.01/23 Rf8 44.Nd5]
43...Rc8 1.54/25
[43...Rb8± 0.42/26]
44.Bc3 0.75/24
[⌓44.c4 1.54/25]
44...Qxa3+ 45.Kxa3 Rc6 46.Kb2! Kb7
47.a4 Ra6 1.41/25
[⌓47...Kc8 0.86/25]
48.Kc1 0.43/25
[48.Ka3± 1.41/25]
48...Kc6 49.Bb2 0.18/24
[49.Nd5!± 0.67/23 might be stronger. Bxd5 50.exd5+ Kb7 51.a5]
49...Rb6 50.Ba3
[50.Bc3!?]
50...Rb8 51.Kb2 Rbb7 0.55/24
[51...d5= 0.00/32]
52.Kc3 0.00/30
[52.a5!± 0.55/24]
52...Rb8 53.Kb2 a6 54.Ra1 Rbb7
55.Rad1 Rd8 56.Ka2 Rdd7 57.Bc1
-0.61/27
[57.c4= 0.12/25]

57...Rb8 0.12/26
[57...d5!∓ -0.61/27 58.exd5+ Nxd5]
58.Rh2 -0.57/21
[58.c4= 0.12/26]
58...Rbb7 0.12/21
[58...d5!∓ -0.57/21 59.exd5+ Nxd5 60.Nxd5 Rxd5]
59.Nf1 -1.27/23
[59.c4= 0.12/21 keeps the balance.]
59...Rb8 0.12/30
[59...d5!∓ -1.27/23 aiming for ...dxe4. 60.Bxf4 gxf4 *(60...exf4 61.exd5+ Bxd5 62.Rd3∓)*]
60.Bxf4= gxf4 61.Ka3 -1.15/22
[61.c4!= 0.20/21]
61...Rb4 0.14/25
[Black should play 61...d5∓ -1.15/22 62.exd5+ Rxd5 63.Rxd5 Bxd5 *(63...Kxd5 64.Rd2+ Kc6 65.Re2∓)*]
62.Rhd2 -0.60/28
[62.c4= 0.14/25]
62...Rd4 0.02/25
[62...d5∓ -0.60/28 63.exd5+ Bxd5 *(63...Rxd5 64.c4=)*]
63.c3 -1.11/25
[63.c4= 0.02/25]
63...Rxd2∓ 64.Nxd2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **64...a5** 0.02/25
[64...d5!∓ -0.97/27 ...dxe4 would now be deadly. 65.Re1 Kd6]
65.Kb2 -0.64/30
[65.c4= 0.02/25]
65...Rb7 0.02/44
[65...d5!∓ -0.64/30 66.exd5+ Bxd5 *(66...Rxd5 67.Kc2∓)*]
66.Kc2= Bf7 67.Ra1 Bg8 68.Rb1 Bf7
69.Rb2 -0.99/31
[69.c4= 0.02/34]
69...Bg8 0.03/29
[69...d5∓ -0.99/31]
70.Nb1 -1.42/24
[70.c4= 0.03/29]



70...d5!∓ 71.exd5+ Bxd5
[Resist 71...Kxd5 72.Nd2]
72.Nd2



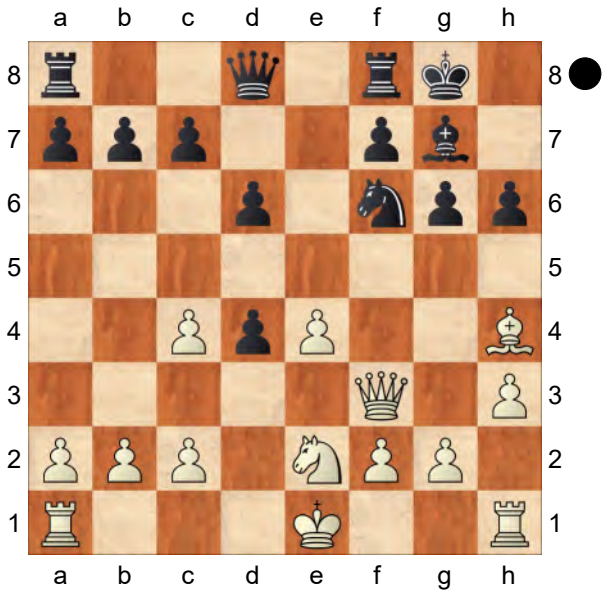
f5? 0.04/23 **73.gxf5= Rf7?** 4.24/27
[73...Bg8= 0.13/25 and Black is okay.]
74.c4 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.39
1-0

C20
□ **timquaker** **2713**
■ **lederman** **2506**
Blitz 04.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.d3 Bg7 -0.30/19
[5...Nd4∓ -0.90/18 6.Qd1 b5]
6.Ne2= 0-0 7.h3 d6N
[7...d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
8.Bg5 -0.70/21
[⌓8.a4 -0.33/19]
8...h6∓ 9.Bh4 Be6 -0.10/21
[Better is 9...g5∓ -0.75/20 10.Bg3 Na5]
10.Nbc3 -0.46/17
[10.Bxf6= -0.10/21 deserves consideration. Qxf6 11.Qxf6 Bxf6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.c3]
10...Bxc4 0.03/21
[10...g5∓ -0.46/17 11.Bg3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxe6 fxe6]
11.dxc4= Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 -1.66/20
[13.Bxf6= 0.00/22 and White is okay. Bxf6 14.Ne2]

(Diagram)

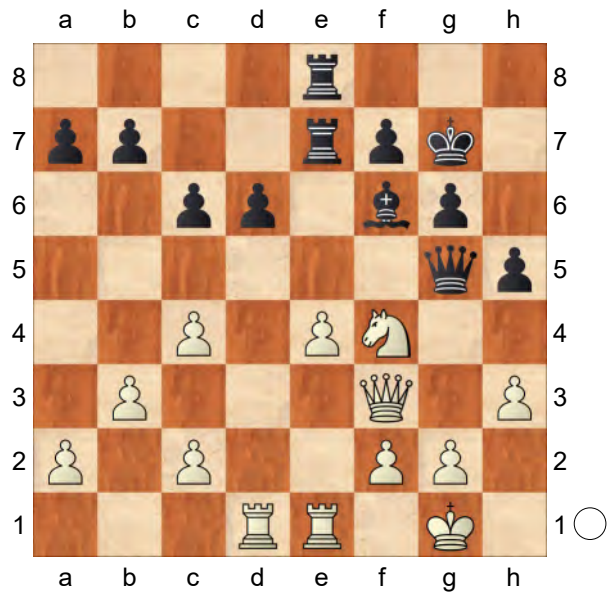
13...Re8? 0.00/26
[13...g5-+ -1.66/20 14.Bg3 Re8]
14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.0-0! Be5 16.Rad1
[16.Qd3 simplifies c5 17.c3 dxc3 18.Nxc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Re6 20.f3]
16...Qh4 0.57/20
[16...c5= 0.11/20]
17.Nxd4± Kg7 1.04/19



[17...Re7!± 0.50/19]
18.Rfe1 Re7 19.b3 0.84/19
[⌓19.Qd3 1.20/19]
19...Rae8 1.25/20
[Black should try 19...Qf6 0.84/19 20.Qd3 *(20.Qxf6+ Bxf6 21.f3 Bh4±)* 20...a5]
20.Ne2 0.66/18
[20.Qd3± 1.25/20]
20...h5 21.Nc1 -0.03/24
[21.Nc3± 0.57/20]
21...Qg5 0.80/19
[21...Bb2= -0.03/24 remains equal.]
22.Nd3 Bf6 1.21/22
[Black should play 22...Qh4± 0.63/21]
23.Nf4 c6

(Diagram)

Against Nd5 **24.g3!**
[24.Rxd6? is the wrong capture. Be5 25.Nxg6 fxg6-+ *(25...Bxd6? 26.Nxe7 Rxe7 27.Kf1-+)*]
24...h4 25.g4 Rf8 1.57/19
[⌓25...Qe5 0.99/24]
26.Ng2±
[26.Rxd6? loses. Be5 27.Rd3 Bxf4-+ *(27...Qxf4? 28.Qxf4 Bxf4*

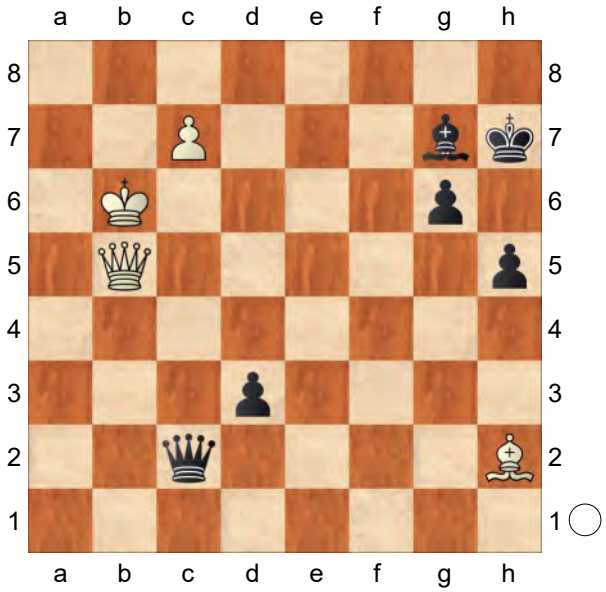


29.Kf1-+)]
26...Qe5 1.87/21
[26...Qc5± 1.34/23 27.Qe3 Rfe8]
27.Qd3+- Re6 28.f4 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Rfe8 2.62/18
[⌓29...g5 1.76/18 30.Re2 Rfe8]
30.g5 Bb2 31.Nxh4 Qf2 32.Ng2 And now Re3 would win. **32...Rh8** 4.60/19
[⌓32...Qc5 2.91/17 33.c3 a5]
33.Kh2 Rh4 5.59/19
[⌓33...Qb6 3.51/20 34.c3 Rhe8]
34.Re2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

C20
□ **BulletCoach** **2712**
■ **Calzonesdesuperman** **2604**
Blitz 21.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

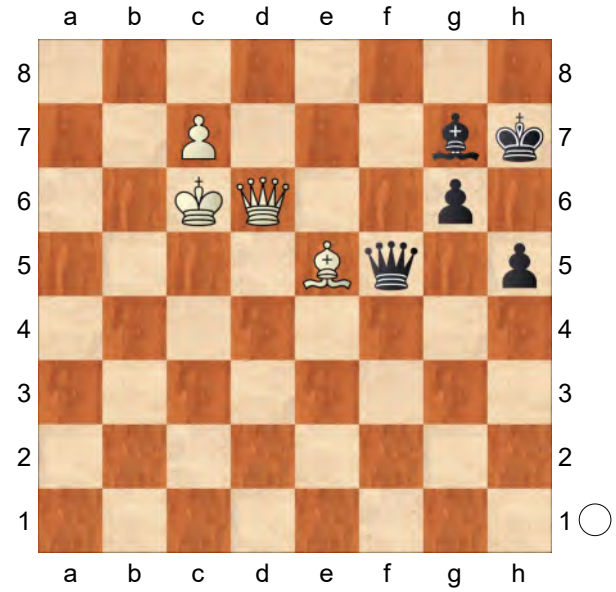
Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 h6N -0.23/18
[7...Nb4∓ -0.59/19 8.Kd1 *(8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6* 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt *)* 8...c6]
[7...0-0 8.a3 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nh7 13.0-0 c6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 8...Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 1]
8.h3 Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.g4 Nd4** 0.14/19
[9...Nd7∓ -0.39/19]
10.Nxd4= exd4 11.Nd5 -1.06/22
[11.Ne2= 0.29/19]
11...Nxd5 0.01/19
[11...Nd7!∓ -1.06/22 12.a4 c6]
12.Bxd5 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qg3 e5 17.f4 Qb6 1.02/20
[17...exf4= -0.04/21 18.Bxf4 Be5 19.Bxe5 dxe5]
18.b3? -1.14/20
[18.0-0-0!± 1.02/20 stays on course.]
18...exf4∓ 19.Bxf4 Qb4+ 20.Bd2 Qc5 -0.27/17
[20...Qa3!∓ -1.51/22 21.Bf4 d5]
21.0-0-0= Rad8 22.Rhf1 Qa3+ 23.Kb1 a4! Threatens to win with ...axb3. **24.Bc1 Qb4** 0.73/22
[24...Qc5= 0.14/25 keeps the balance.]
25.Rxf8+
[25.Qh4 is interesting. axb3 26.axb3 Qa5 27.Qe7]
25...Rxf8 26.Bd2 -0.24/20
[26.Bf4!± 0.64/20 axb3 27.cxb3]
26...Qb5? 1.35/21
[26...Qc5= -0.24/20]
27.Qg2? -4.14/21
[27.Qxd6± 1.35/21 Kh7 28.Qe7]

27...axb3-+ 28.axb3 Ra8 (-> ...Qa6)
29.Bc1 Qa5 30.Bb2 b5? 0.00/22
[Black should play 30...Bf6-+ -4.83/20 ...Bg5 would now be deadly. 31.h4 Bxh4 32.Bxd4 c5 *(32...Qa2+? 33.Kc1-+)*]
31.Rf1 Qc7 32.Qf2 -0.87/19
[32.h4!= -0.07/20 remains equal.]
32...Rf8 0.00/25
[32...c5∓ -0.87/19 33.Qg2 Be5]
33.Qg1!= c5 34.Rxf8+ Bxf8
Endgame. KQB-KQB **35.Kc1 Qe7 36.Qf2 Qg5+ 37.Kb1 Bg7 38.Bc1 Qe7 39.h4 c4** Deflection **40.dxc4 bxc4**
[40...Qxe4 41.cxb5 d3 42.Qd2∓]
41.bxc4 Qxe4 42.g5 -0.50/22
[Better is 42.Qg3= 0.00/20]
42...Qb7+ -0.10/25
[42...h5∓ -0.50/22]
43.Ka2 Qa6+ 44.Kb3 Qb7+ 45.Ka2 Qc6 46.Qe2 h5 47.Qe6+ Kh7
48.Qd5? -2.13/26
[48.Ba3= -0.12/26]
48...Qa6+? 0.00/35
[48...Qa4+-+ -2.13/26 49.Ba3 *(49.Kb1 d3)* 49...Qxc2+ 50.Bb2 Qf2 *(50...d3? 51.Qb7-+)*]
49.Kb3 Qb6+ 50.Qb5 Qc7 51.Ba3 Qe7 52.Qd5 Against Qe4 **52...Qe3+ 53.Ka4 Qd2 54.Qe4 Qc3 55.Qd3** Hoping for Qxc3. **55...Qa1 56.Kb3 Qb1+ 57.Ka4 Qa1 58.Kb5 Qh1 59.Bxd6 Qxh4?** 2.85/23
[59...Qb7+!= 0.00/23 and Black stays safe. 60.Kc5 Qa7+ 61.Kc6 Qa6+ 62.Kc7 Qa7+ 63.Kc6 Qa6+ 64.Kd5 Qa8+ 65.Ke6 Qe8+ 66.Kd5 Qa8+ 67.Ke6 Qe8+ 68.Kd5 Qa8+]
60.c5+- Qxg5 61.Kb6 Qd8+ 2.29/22
[61...Qd5± 1.57/19]
62.Bc7! White has strong compensation.
62...Qd7? 3.69/23
[62...Qd5 1.90/18 is a better defense. 63.c6 Bf6]
63.c6 1.80/21
[⌓63.Qe4 3.69/23]
63...Qd5? 4.17/21
[63...Qe6 1.80/21 64.Bf4 h4]
64.Qb5 Qe4 4.14/22
[64...Qxb5+ 65.Kxb5 Bf6 66.Bd6+-]
[⌓64...Qe6 2.82/19 65.Bf4 Bf6]
65.Bh2 Qxc2 White must now prevent ... d3! **66.c7 d3**



Strongly threatening ...d2! **67.Bf4! Bd4+?** 4.85/22
[67...h4 2.74/19 was called for. 68.Kb7 Qg2+ *(68...d2? 69.Bxd2 Qe4+ 70.Kb8+-)* 69.Kb8 Qe4 *(69...d2? 70.Bxd2 Qg3 71.Qd7+-)*]
68.Kb7 d2 69.Qd7+
[69.c8B Qe4+ *(69...d1R? 70.Qd7+ Bg7 71.Qc6-+)* 70.Qc6 Qxc6+ *(70...d1Q 71.Qxe4 Qb3+ 72.Kc7=; 70...Qxf4? 71.Qd7+ Kh6 72.Qa4-+)* 71.Kxc6 d1Q-+ *(71...d1B? 72.Kd5-+)*]
69...Bg7 70.Qxd2 Active counter play!
[70.c8R? d1Q *(70...d1R 71.Qxg7+ Kxg7 72.Rxc2=)* 71.Qxd1 Qxd1-+]
70...Qb3+ 71.Kc8 Qg8+ 72.Kb7? 0.06/17

[72.Qd8+- 4.12/21 Threatening mate with Qxg8+. Qe6+ 73.Qd7 Qg8+ 74.Kb7 Qb3+ 75.Ka6 Qa2+ 76.Kb6]
72...Qf7? 6.75/21
[72...Qb3+= 0.06/17 73.Kc8 Qe6+ 74.Qd7 Qg8+ 75.Kb7 Qb3+ 76.Ka7 Qa2+ 77.Kb6 Qb3+ 78.Qb5 Qh3]
73.Qd6 Qb3+ 74.Kc8 Qg8+ 75.Kd7 Qb3 76.Be5 Intending Bxg7 and mate.
[76.c8B h4= *(76...Qf7+ 77.Kc6=)*]
76...Qf7+ 77.Kc6 Qf5



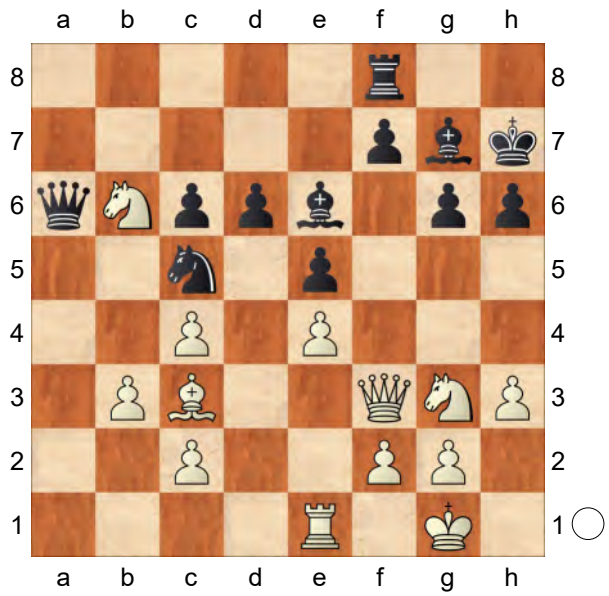
78.Kb7 5.23/17 **Qc2 79.c8Q**
[79.c8R Qe4+ 80.Qc6 *(80.Rc6 Bxe5 81.Qe6 Kh6∓)* 80...Qxe5= *(80...Qxc6+ 81.Kxc6 Bxe5 82.Kd5=)*]
79...Qb3+ 80.Kc7 Qf7+ 81.Qdd7 9.41/21 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.43
[⌓81.Qcd7 #8/17 Qc4+ 82.Q6c6 Qg8 83.Qc3 Qf8 84.Bxg7 Qf4+ 85.Be5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Qf7 86.Qxf7+ Kh6 87.Bg7+ Kh7 88.Bf8#]
1-0

C20
□ **TimQuaker** **2712**
■ **IbreakeYou** **2896**
Blitz 06.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Inf 95/(215) **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Prevents Bg4. **7...h6N**
[7...Nb4 8.Na3 d5 9.exd5 Nbxd5 10.0-0 0-0 E4 Openings-Parham/ Wayward Queen Attack 2]
[7...Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0 Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005]
[7...Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou-Qh5]
8.Nbc3 Black has an edge. **8...Na5 9.0-0** -0.39/26
[9.a4= 0.05/21]
9...Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 0-0 12.Rd1 Nd7 13.Ba3 b6 14.Nd5 a5 15.Ng3 Kh7 16.Re1 a4 17.Bb4 Nc5 18.Bc3 Nd7 -0.21/21
[Black should play 18...Rc8∓ -0.74/23]
19.Rad1= axb3 20.axb3 Ra2 21.Nb4 Ra8 22.Ra1 Nc5 23.Nd5 Threatens to win with Rxa8. **23...c6 24.Rxa8 Qxa8 25.Nxb6 Qa6**

(Diagram)

26.Na4 Nxa4 27.Ra1 Pin **27...Qb7 28.Rxa4**
[28.bxa4 Bxc4 29.Nf1 Ba6=]
28...d5! 29.cxd5 Remove Defender
29...cxd5 30.exd5 -0.08/22
[30.Be1± 0.36/25 is superior.]
30...Bxd5 31.Qg4



[31.Ne4? Rc8 *(31...f5 32.Qe3∓)* 32.Ba1 f5-+ *(32...Rxc2 33.Qe3∓)*]

31...Bxg2 Strongly threatening ...Bf3.

32.Ne4 Bxe4 33.Qxe4 Qc7 34.Rc4 Qd7 35.Kg2 f5 36.Qc6 Qe7

[36...Qd1? 37.Qb7 Rd8 *(37...Qxc2 38.Bxe5)* 38.Bxe5±]

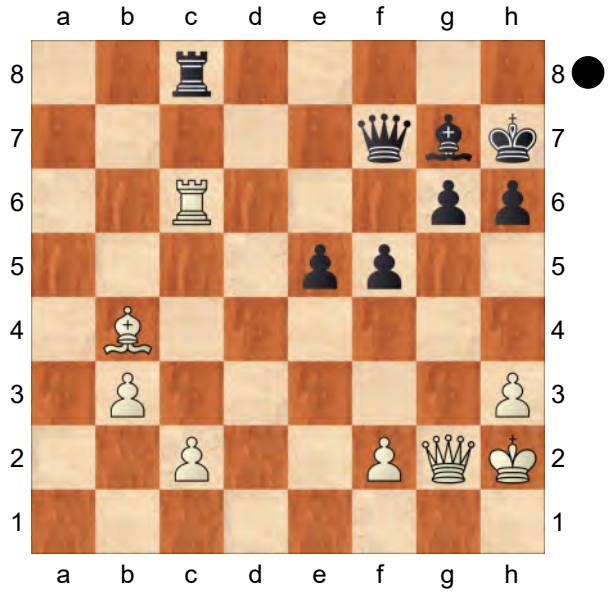
37.Bb4 Qg5+ 38.Kh2! Rd8 39.Qg2 Qf6 40.Rc6 Qf7 41.Rd6? -1.72/24

Repels e4

[41.Bc3= 0.00/26]

41...Rc8-+ ...e4! would now be deadly.

42.Rc6

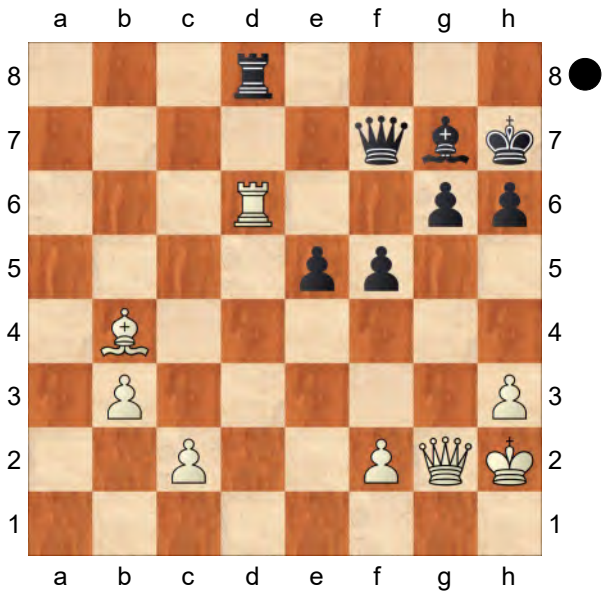


Rd8 0.00/25

[42...Qe8!-+ -1.77/27 43.Rxc8 Qxc8]

43.Rd6 -1.34/22

[43.Bc3= 0.00/25]



43...Rb8 -0.24/23

[Better is 43...Rc8!∓ -1.34/22 aiming for ...e4! 44.Rd2 e4]

44.Bc3= Qc7? 4.02/23

[44...Rc8∓ -0.33/21 stays ahead. 45.Rc6 Qe8]

45.Qc6? -1.14/24

[45.Rxg6 e4+ 46.Qg3 Qxg3+ *(46...Qxc3 47.Rxg7+ Qxg7 48.Qxb8±)* 47.Rxg3 Bf8±]

[45.Qxg6++- 4.02/23 Kh8 46.Rc6]

45...Rc8∓ 46.Qxc7 Rxc7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **47.Ba5** -1.59/22

[⌓47.Bd2 -1.20/23]

47...Rxc2 48.b4? -4.12/21

[48.Kg2 -1.62/22]

48...e4 -2.21/21

[⌓48...Rxf2+ -4.12/21 49.Kg1 Rc2]

49.Kg2? -4.12/24

[49.Rd7 -2.21/21 Rxf2+ 50.Kg1]

49...e3 50.Kf3 exf2

[50...Rxf2+ 51.Kxe3 Rh2 52.Rd7-+]

51.Kg2 Be5 52.Rd1 -4.92/23

[⌓52.Rd7+ -3.24/20 Kg8 53.b5]
52...Rb2 53.Rf1? -6.92/22
[53.Rd7+ -3.39/20 Kg8 54.Bb6]
53...Bd4-+ 54.Kf3 g5 55.Kg2 Kg6 56.Kf3 Rb3+ 57.Kg2 g4 58.hxg4 fxg4 59.Rd1 Be3 60.Rd6+ Kf5 61.Bb6 Bxb6 62.Rxb6 KR-KR **62...g3** -14.52/20
[⌓62...Rf3 -#8/19 63.Rb5+ Kf4 64.Kf1 g3 *(64...Kg3* leads to mate. *65.Re5 Rb3 66.Rf5 Rb1+ 67.Ke2 Re1+ 68.Kd3 f1Q+ 69.Rxf1 Rxf1 70.Ke4 Kf2 71.b5 g3 72.Ke5 g2 73.Kd5 g1Q 74.b6 Qg6 75.b7 Rd1+ 76.Kc5 Rc1+ 77.Kd5 Qc6+ 78.Kd4 Rc5 79.b8Q Qd5#)* 65.Rd5 g2+ 66.Ke2 f1Q+ *(66...g1B? 67.Rd1-+)* 67.Kd2 g1Q *(67...g1B 68.Rd8 Qg2+ 69.Kc1 Rf1+ 70.Rd1 Be3+* Deflection *71.Kb1 Rxd1#; 67...Qf2+* is a self mate. *68.Kc1 g1Q+ 69.Rd1 Rc3+* Deflection *70.Kb1 Qxd1#)* 68.Rf5+ Kxf5 69.Kc2 Qh2#]
63.Rb5+ Kg4 64.Rb8 h5 -25.05/34
[⌓64...Rb1 -#11/20 65.Rg8+ Kh4 66.Kf3 f1Q+ *(66...f1B? 67.Rg4+ Kh5 68.Rg7-+)* 67.Ke4 Rd1 *(67...Rxb4+* gets mated. *68.Ke5 Qf4+ 69.Kd5 Rd4+ 70.Kc6 Qd6+ 71.Kb7 Rb4+ 72.Ka7 Qd4+ 73.Ka8 Qa1#)* 68.Rh8 Qe2+ 69.Kf5 Rf1+ 70.Kg6 Qe6+ 71.Kh7 Rf7+ 72.Kg8 Qg6#]
65.Rg8+ Kf4 (-> ...Rb1!) **66.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 67.Kxf2 Rb3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.44
0-1

C20
□ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2687**
■ **Jumabayev,R** **2637**
Titled Tuesday 30th Mar blitz (4) 30.3.21
[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves Destroying the Queen Raid: It was at this point that I discovered a coffeehouse in Seattle's University District called The Last Exit on Brooklyn. The chess players who met here were far more experienced players than my usual circle of friends. It was here that my Queen Raid approach received a number of nasty setbacks. The harshest lesson was the following game, which left a deep impression.This was a big game for me. I was playing an experienced adult chess player and was anxious to prove my newfound understanding of opening play. My opening had but one aim: creating an avenue for my Queen to develop. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4**
[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas, J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/ 308 Santa Clara 1995]
3...Qf6N
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 *(5.Qb3 Nd4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qc4 b5 8.Qc5+ Kxf7 9.Qc3 Bb4 10.Qd3 d5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 Bxc2#* Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid *)* 5...Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2*

dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 6...d6 7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]

4.Nc3 Qg6 5.Qxg6 hxg6 6.Nb5 Bd6 7.Nxd6+ 0.89/13

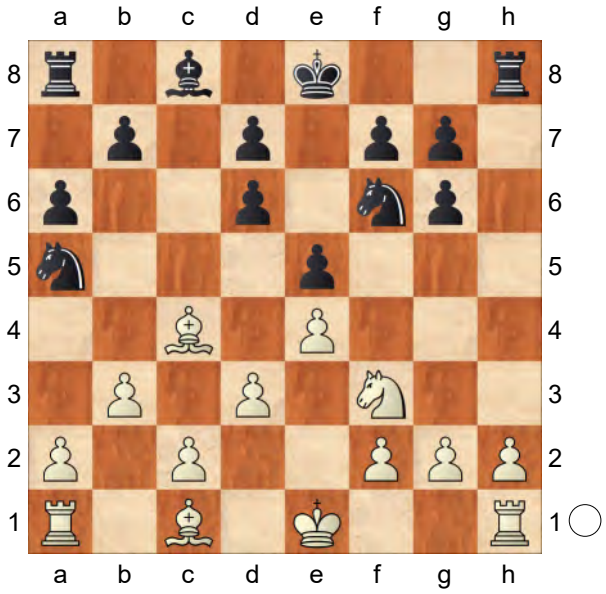
[⌓7.Nf3 1.25/12]

7...cxd6± 8.Nf3 White is better. **8...Nf6** 1.27/13

[⌓8...f5 0.89/11]

9.d3! Na5 10.b3 a6 2.04/9

[10...Nxc4± 1.44/10 11.bxc4 Kd8]



11.a4!+- b6 12.Ba3 Nb7 13.Ng5 Rf8

(Diagram)

14.f4! exf4

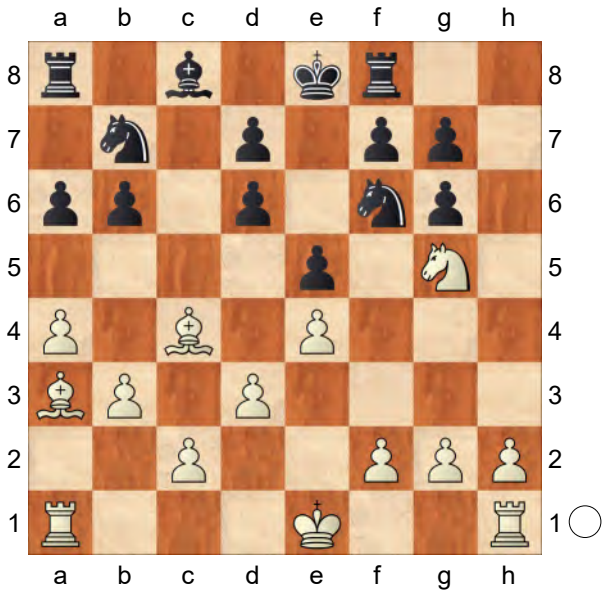
[14...Ng4 15.fxe5]

15.0-0 Nh5 16.g4 fxg3 3.78/20

[16...Nf6 2.66/9 was necessary. 17.Rxf4 b5 18.Bxf7+ *(18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxf7+ Kd8+-)* 18...Rxf7 19.Nxf7 Kxf7]

17.Nxf7

[17.Rxf7 gxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Rxf7+-]



17...gxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Nf6 19.e5

[19.Nxd6+ Nxd6 20.Bxd6 Rh8+ 21.Kg3 Bb7+-]

[19.Bxd6 Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓]

19...dxe5 20.Bxf8

[Weaker is 20.Nxe5 Rh8+ 21.Kg1 Rh5±]

20...Kxf8 21.Nxe5 Ke8 22.Bf7+ Kd8 23.Bxg6

[23.Nxg6 Nd6±]

23...Nd6 24.Rae1 Bb7 25.Kg3 Kc7 26.Ng4 Rf8 27.Nxf6 gxf6 28.Kf4 Bd5 29.Rf2 Rg8 30.Bh5 Rg5 31.Bg4 Bc6 32.Rh2 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Re7 Hoping for Rhh7. **34...Rc5 35.Reh7 f5 36.Bd1 b4 37.Ke3 Nb5 38.R2h4 Na3 39.Kd2**

[39.Rxb4 Rxc2 *(39...Nxc2+? 40.Bxc2 Rxc2 41.Rh5+-)* 40.Rf4 Rc1+-]

39...Nb1+ 40.Kc1 Nc3 41.Rxb4? -1.23/18

[41.Rc4+- 2.57/21 Re5 42.Bh5 *(42.Rxb4?* is the wrong capture. *Na2+ 43.Kd2 Nxb4-+)*]

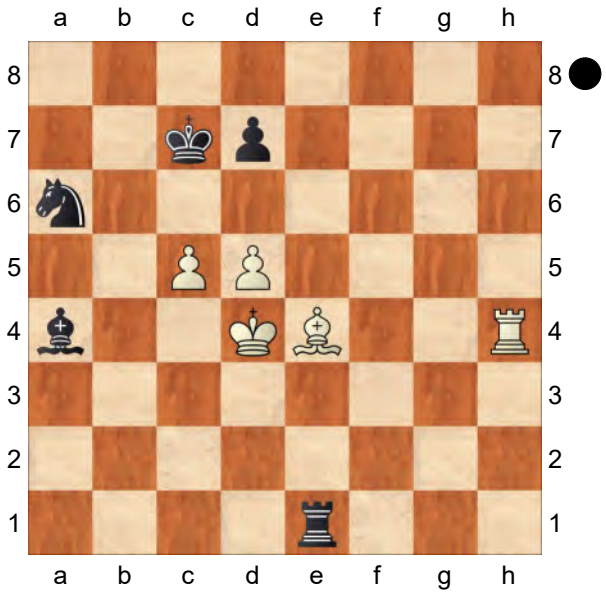
41...Na2+∓ 42.Kd2 Nxb4 43.c4 -1.91/20

[43.Rh4∓ -1.36/13 was worth a try.

Na2 44.Rf4]
43...Na6? -0.25/19
[43...Bg2-+ -1.91/20 ...Ra5 would now be deadly. 44.Kc3 Na2+ 45.Kb2 Ra5]
44.d4= Ra5 45.Kc3? -2.48/11
[45.d5∓ -0.48/10]
45...Ra1 -1.19/10
[45...Be4-+ -2.48/11 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Ra1 is the strong threat. 46.Kb2 Nb4]
46.Bc2∓ Rf1 -0.15/10
[Black should try 46...Be4∓ -1.23/11 Threatens to win with ...Rc1. 47.Bxe4 fxe4]
47.d5= Rf3+ 48.Kd4 Nb4 49.Bb1 Rxb3 50.Bxf5 Ba4 White should prevent ...Rf3. **51.Rh6 Rf3 52.Be4 Rf4 53.Ke5 Rf1** And now ...Rc1 would win.
54.Rh4? -3.25/13 White is on the road to losing.
[54.c5= -0.04/11 Rf8 55.c6]
54...Re1? -0.01/20
[54...Na6-+ -3.25/13 55.Rh6 Nc5 56.d6+ Kb6]
55.Kd4? -3.18/21
[55.c5!= -0.01/20 and White has nothing to worry. Bc6 56.dxc6]
55...Na6-+ 56.c5

(Diagram)

Intending d6+ and mate. **56...Rd1+!** Deflection **57.Ke5 Nxc5 58.Bf5 d6+ 59.Kf6 Bd7 60.Bg6 Rf1+ 61.Ke7 Re1+ 62.Kf6 Re5 63.Bf7** -6.60/17
[⌓63.Rd4 -4.67/13]
63...Rf5+ 64.Ke7 Re5+ 65.Kf6 Ne4+ 66.Kg7 Re7 67.Kf8 Re5 68.Rh2 Nc5 69.Rd2 Bb5 70.Rb2 Bc4 71.Rd2 Re3 72.Kg7 Rd3 73.Rb2 Bxd5 74.Bg6 Rg3 75.Kf6 Bc6 76.Bf7 Nd7+ 77.Ke7 Re3+ 78.Be6 Nc5 79.Kf6 Rxe6+

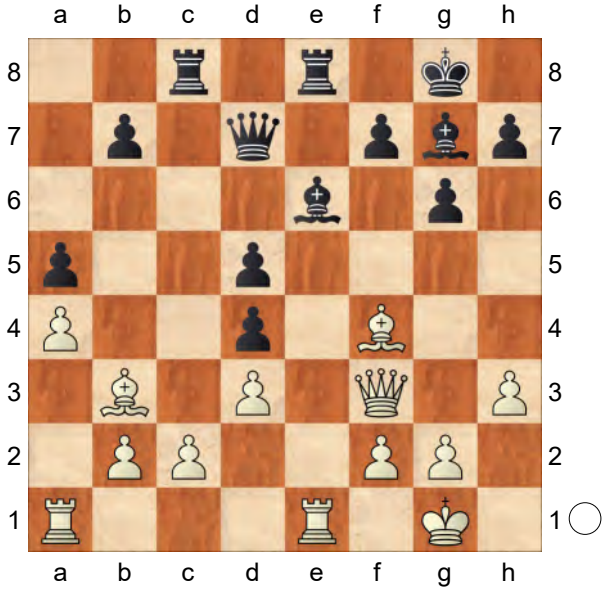


80.Kf5 Be4+ Black mates. **81.Kg5 Rg6+ 82.Kh4 Rg8 83.Re2 d5 84.Re1 Kd6 85.Rd1 Ne6 86.Ra1 Ke5 87.Rf1 Nd4 88.Rf2 Nf3+ 89.Kh5 Rh8+ 90.Kg4 Rg8+ 91.Kh5 Nd4 92.Rf1 Nf5 93.Rf2 d4 94.Ra2 d3 95.Rb2 Nd4 96.Ra2 Nf3 97.Kh6 Kf4 98.Ra7 d2 99.Rf7+ Ke3 100.Rd7 Rg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.40.
Loses game: White=3 ---
Missed win: White=1 Black=2
Mistake: White=3 Black=5
Inaccurate: White=2 ---
OK: White=23 Black=14
Best: White=4 Black=2
Strong: White=1 Black=1
0-1

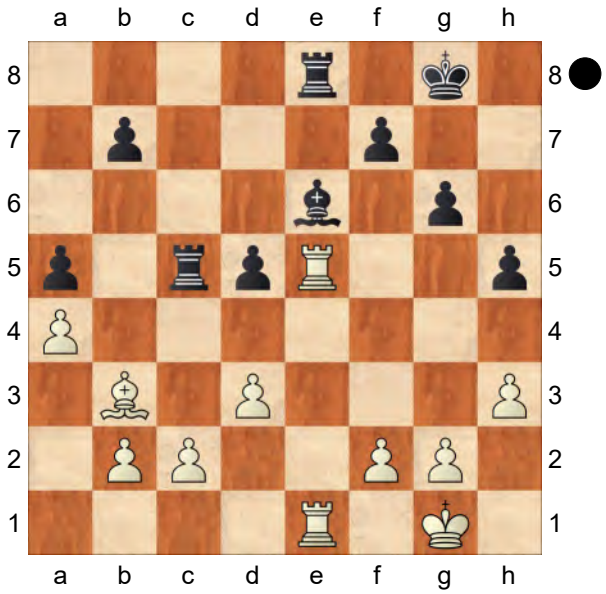
C20
□ **BulletCoach** **2685**
■ **cedchass25** **2571**
Blitz 18.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially

children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0 7.d3 Nd4N** 0.30/17
[⌓7...d6 -0.27/19 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N,N]
8.Nxd4= White has an edge. **8...exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0!** Active counter play! **13...Be6 14.a4 a5 15.h3 Rc8 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Bf4 Rfe8**



18.Be5! h5 1.89/23
[18...Qe7± 1.10/22 keeps fighting.]
19.Bxg7 1.14/15
[19.Qf4+- 1.89/23]
19...Kxg7± 20.Qf4 Qc7 1.56/21
[Black should try 20...Qd8 1.02/22]
21.Qxd4+ Kg8 2.09/21
[21...f6± 1.54/20 might work better. 22.Bxd5 Qd6]
22.Re5+-
[But not 22.Bxd5?! Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qxc2±]
22...Qc5 23.Qxc5 Rxc5 24.Rae1
(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Rxd5! **24...b5?** 3.36/21
[24...Rec8 1.75/20 25.R1e2 b5]
25.axb5 Rxd5! is the strong threat.
[Don't do 25.d4 Rc7 26.Rxd5 *(26.Bxd5 bxa4 27.Be4 Bd7±; 26.axb5 Rb8±)* 26...bxa4]
25...Rxb5 26.Ba4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

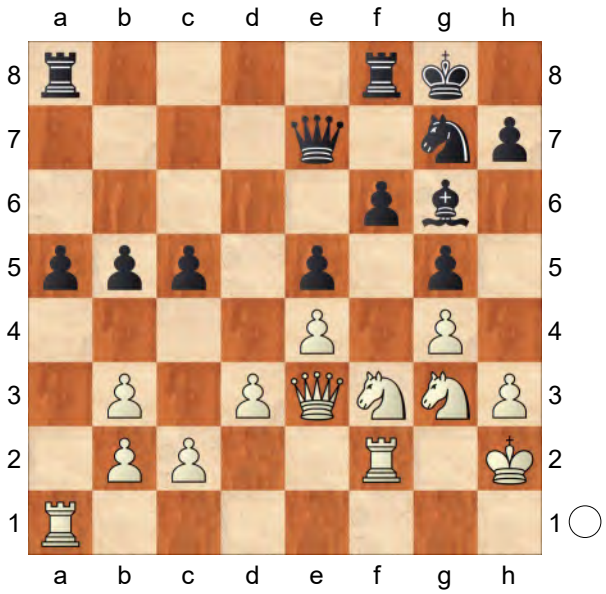
C20
□ **BulletCoach** **2676**
■ **mostrovski** **2588**
Blitz 16.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 Qe7N
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5

Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5
Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qd1 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.f4 -0.45/23
[7.Bg5± 0.36/21]
7...d6 0.12/19
[Black should try 7...0-0∓ -0.45/23]
8.Nf3= Na5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Bb3 -0.29/20
[⩲10.b3 0.25/22]
10...Nxb3 11.axb3 c6 0.27/22
[Better is 11...b6 -0.26/18]
12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Nh5 0.52/19
[13...b6= 0.15/19]
14.Be3± b5 15.Qd2 Be6 1.37/19
[15...a5± 0.55/19]
16.Bh6 0.24/18
[16.Ra6± 1.37/19]
16...Bxh6= 17.Qxh6 f6 18.Qe3 a5
19.Ne2 c5 20.g4 Ng7 21.Ng3 -0.58/18
[21.Nd2= 0.03/21]
21...g5 0.18/21
[21...Bd7∓ -0.58/18]
22.Kh2 Bf7 0.82/20
[22...Qc7= 0.01/19]
23.Rf2 White is more active. **23...Bg6** 1.00/20
[23...h6± 0.62/19 is superior.]

(Diagram)

24.Raf1 0.36/19
[24.h4!± 1.00/20]
24...Ne6± 25.Nf5 -0.37/20
[25.h4!± 0.33/18]
25...Bxf5!∓ 26.exf5 Nf4 27.Ng1 -1.10/20
[27.h4= -0.26/21 remains equal.]
27...a4
[27...h5 is interesting. 28.gxh5 Kf7 29.Ne2 Nxh5 30.Qf3 Rh8]
28.bxa4 Rxa4 29.Ne2 Qc7 -0.19/21



[29...Nxe2∓ -0.94/20 30.Rxe2 Kg7]
30.Nxf4 -1.12/21
[30.Nc3= -0.19/21]
30...gxf4 -0.34/18
[30...Rxf4 31.Rxf4 exf4 32.Qe6+ Kg7 33.Kg2∓]
[Black should play 30...exf4∓ -1.12/21 31.Qe6+ Kg7]
31.Qf3 c4 -0.01/24
[31...Rf7∓ -0.39/20]
32.Rg1 cxd3 33.cxd3
[33.g5 looks sharper. e4 34.gxf6+ Kh8 35.Qg4]
33...h6! 34.h4 Rf7 35.g5 -1.83/19
[35.b3∓ -0.54/19 Rd4 36.Ra2]
35...hxg5-+ aiming for ...Rh7. **36.Qh5** -2.26/21
[36.Kh1∓ -1.40/17]
36...Qd7? -0.43/16
[36...f3-+ -2.26/21 ...Rxh4+! would now be deadly. 37.Qg6+ Kf8 38.Qh6+ Ke8 39.Qh8+ *(39.hxg5? Rh7*-+ Pin *)* 39...Rf8 40.Qh5+ Qf7 41.Qxf7+ Kxf7 42.hxg5 Rf4]
37.Rfg2? -4.52/19
[37.hxg5? Rh7 *(37...Rg7? 38.gxf6* Pin *Rxg1 39.Kxg1+-)* 38.gxf6+ Kf8-+]

[37.Qg6+!∓ -0.43/16 Rg7 *(37...Kf8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qg6+ Rg7 40.Qxf6-+)* 38.Qxf6]

37...Rh7? 0.00/29

[37...Qxf5? 38.hxg5 Kf8 39.Rc1+-]

[37...f3-+ -4.52/19 38.Rg4 Rxg4 *(38...Qxd3 39.Rxg5+ fxg5 40.Rxg5+ Kf8 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Qxe5+ Kd7 43.Qe6+ Kc7 44.Qxf7+ Qd7 45.Qxd7+ Kxd7 46.f6=; 38...Qxf5? 39.d4-+; 38...f2? 39.Rf1-+)* 39.Qxg4 Rh7 *(39...Qxd3? 40.Ra1-+)*]

38.Qg6+= Kh8? 2.73/19

[38...Rg7= 0.00/29 and Black is okay. 39.Qxf6 f3 40.Rxg5 Rxh4+ 41.Kg3 Rhh7 42.Rxg7+ *(42.Kxf3* gets mated. *Qxd3+ 43.Kf2 Rh2+* Skewer *44.R5g2 Rhxg2+ 45.Rxg2 Qd2+ 46.Kf1 Qxg2+ 47.Ke1 Qg1+ 48.Ke2 Rg2+* Skewer *49.Kf3 Rg3+ 50.Ke2 Qh2+* Skewer *51.Kf1 Rg1#)* 42...Rxg7+ 43.Kh2 Rxg1 44.Kxg1 Qa7+ *(44...Qxd3 45.Qe6+ Kf8 46.Qf6+ Kg8 47.Qe6+ Kf8 48.Qf6+ Kg8=)* 45.Kh2 Qf2+ 46.Kh3 Qg2+ *(46...Qxb2 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qd5+ Ke8 49.Qc6+ Ke7 50.Qe6+ Kf8 51.Qd6+ Kf7 52.Qe6+ Kf8 53.Qf6+ Kg8 54.Qg6+ Kf8 55.Qf6+ Kg8=)* 47.Kh4 f2 *(47...Qxb2 48.Qe6+ Kg7 49.Qe7+ Kg8 50.f6=)* 48.Qe6+ Kh7 49.Qe7+ Qg7]

39.Qxf6++- Qg7 40.Qxg7+? 0.01/20

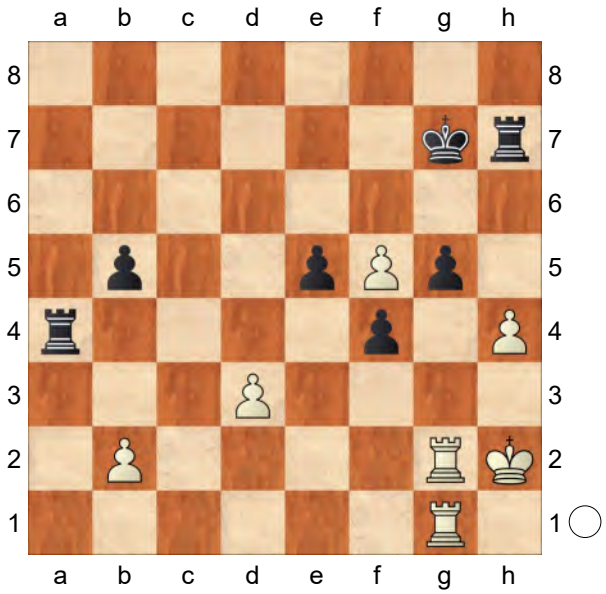
[40.Qxg5+- 2.56/23 White threatens Qd8+ and mate. Qxg5 Remove Defender 41.Rxg5 Rxh4+ 42.Kg2]

40...Kxg7=

(Diagram)

41.Rxg5++- Endgame. KRR-KRR

41...Kf7T Black is not keeping still **42.h5**



Rb4 43.R1g2 f3 44.Rf2 Kf6 45.Rg6+ Kxf5 46.Rxf3+ Rf4 47.Rh3 Rf2+ 1.23/23

[47...Rxh5= 0.00/22 48.Rxh5+ Kxg6 49.Rxe5 Rf2+ 50.Kg3 Rxb2]

48.Rg2± Rxg2+ 5.63/20

[48...Rf1± 1.25/22]

49.Kxg2 KR-KR **49...Kg4 50.Re3?** 0.01/25

[50.h6+- 5.74/24]

50...Kf4? 4.75/26

[50...Rxh5= 0.01/25 51.Re4+ Kf5]

51.Re4++- Kf5 52.Rb4? 0.01/22

[52.Rh4+- 4.23/33 Kg5 53.Kg3]

52...Rxh5= 53.Rxb5 Kf4 54.b4

White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.70. Loss on time!?

1-0

	C20
☐ **Henrythechessbeast**	**2673**
■ **Hanison,Bernard**	**2439**
Stan's Net Chess	2003

[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves Destroying the Queen Raid: It was at this point that I discovered a coffeehouse in Seattle's University District called The Last Exit on Brooklyn. The chess players who met here were far more experienced players than my usual circle of friends. It was here that my Queen Raid approach received a number of nasty setbacks. The harshest lesson was the following game, which left a deep impression.This was a big game for me. I was playing an experienced adult chess player and was anxious to prove my newfound understanding of opening play. My opening had but one aim: creating an avenue for my Queen to develop. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4**

[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas, J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]

3...Qe7N

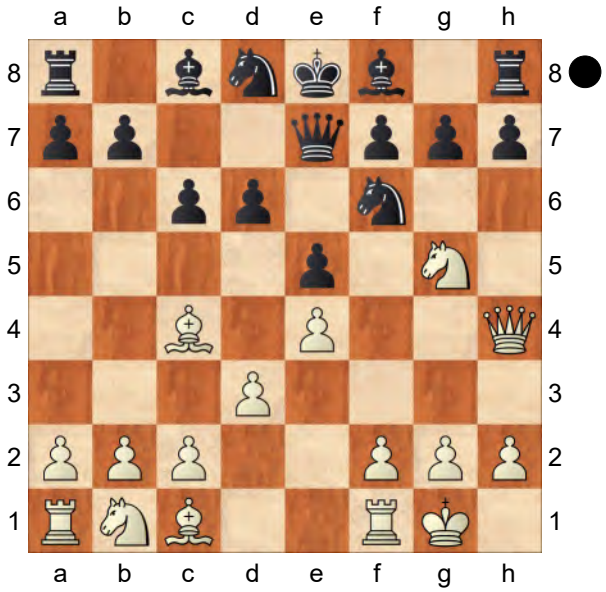
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 *(5.Qb3 Nd4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qc4 b5 8.Qc5+ Kxf7 9.Qc3 Bb4 10.Qd3 d5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 Bxc2#* Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid *)* 5...Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 6...d6 7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]

4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 d6 6.Ng5 -0.63/21

[6.Nc3= -0.21/23]

6...Nd8!∓ 7.d3 c6 8.0-0 -1.02/20

[8.Nc3∓ -0.59/22]



8...h6!∓ 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qg3 Qd7 -0.34/21

[10...Bd7∓ -0.78/21]

11.h3∓ Bxf3 0.17/21

[11...Be6!∓ -0.39/22 12.Nbd2 Nh5 13.Bxe6 Nxe6]

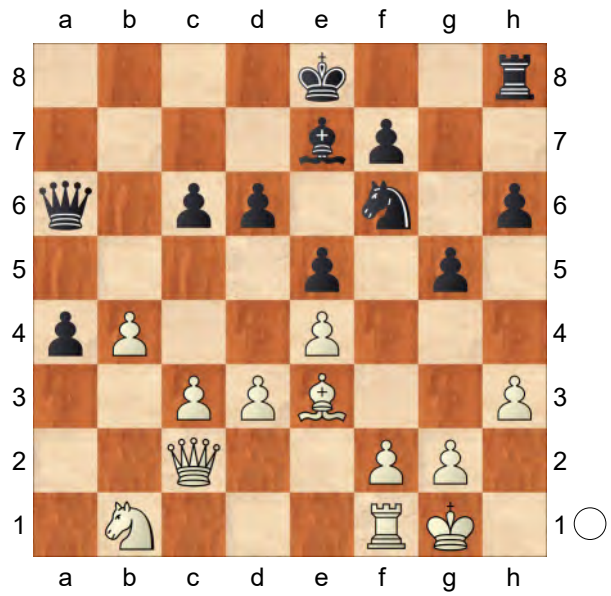
12.Qxf3= Ne6 13.Bb3 Nd4 14.Qe3 a5 0.38/22

[14...Be7= 0.00/24]

15.c3± Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc7 17.b4 a4 18.b3 b5 19.Qg3 g6 20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.Rxa4 bxa4 22.Qf3 Be7 23.Qd1 Qa7 24.Be3 Qa6 25.Qc2 g5 1.10/17

[25...d5± 0.45/14]

(Diagram)



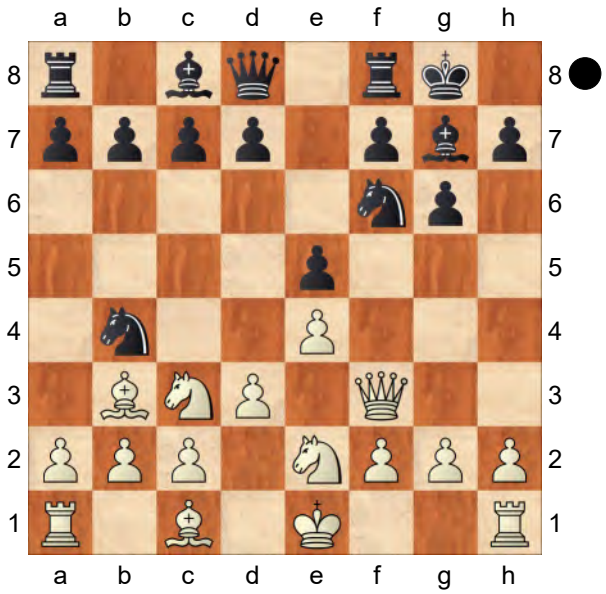
26.Nd2!± Threatens to win with Ra1.
26...a3 2.01/19
[26...0-0± 1.09/11]
27.Nc4↑ White is really pushing.
27...Nxe4 2.34/10
[27...d5± 1.57/10 keeps fighting.
28.exd5 *(28.Nxe5 0-0±)* 28...cxd5]
28.Ra1!+- Rxa3! would now be deadly.
28...Nf6 29.Rxa3 Qc8 30.Ra7 Nd5 31.Nb6 Nxb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise) . Mistake: White=1 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3 OK: White=9 Black=9 Best: White=3 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=2
½-½

C20

□ **BulletCoach** **2665**
■ **hajeko** **2565**
Blitz 01.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

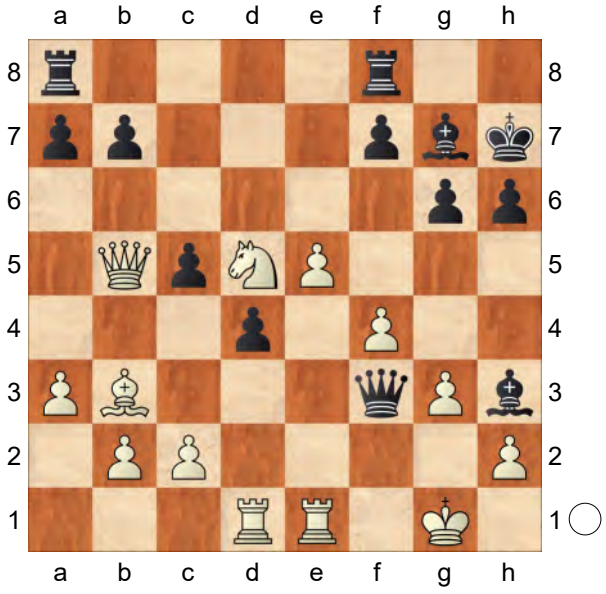
Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0**
[6...d6 7.d3 Bg4 8.Qg3 Qd7 9.f3 Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3 Na5 13.Bb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 a6 15.d4 Qe7 16.Qf2 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nf6 18.0-0-0 0-0-0 19.Nf4 Rhg8 20.Rhe1 Kb8 21.Kb1 0-1 (87) Osnos, V (2657)-Skopec,L (2642) Avesta op 1995]
7.d3 Nb4N
[7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N,N]
[7...Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Bxd5 1-0 Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18)]
8.Bb3

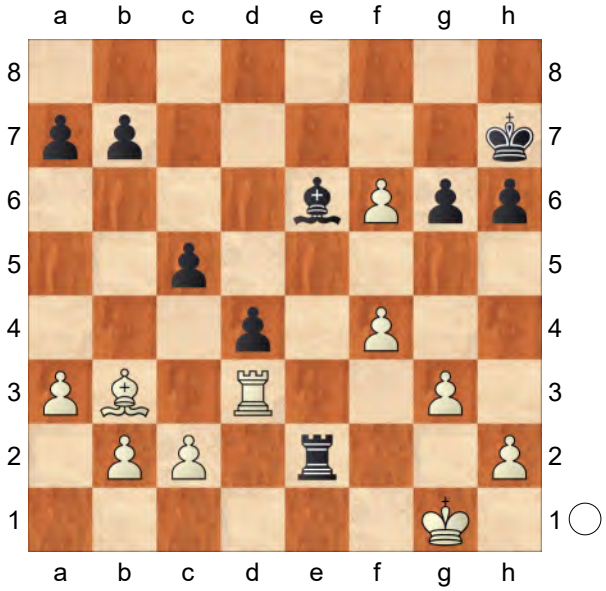


The position is equal. **8...d5** 0.18/25

9.a3 dxe4! 10.dxe4 Nc6 11.Bg5 Threatens to win with Nd5. **11...h6 12.Rd1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6**
[14...Qxf6 simplifies 15.Qxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bd8]
15.Nd5 -0.14/22
[15.0-0± 0.42/22]
15...Be5= 16.0-0 Qh4 0.11/22
[16...a5∓ -0.33/20]
17.g3 Bg4 18.Qd3! Qh5 19.f3 Bh3 Hoping for ...c6! **20.Rfe1** -0.45/19
[20.f4!= 0.00/24 Bxf1 21.Rxf1]
20...c5 0.90/22
[20...c6∓ -0.45/19 keeps the upper hand. 21.Nf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 Rad8]
21.f4 Bg7 22.e5 Kh7 23.Qb5 Qf3 1.18/24
[23...b6!± 0.38/22]



24.Qe2? -1.21/22
[24.Qxc5? Qg2#]
[24.Rd2!± 1.18/24 is forced if you want to stay better.]
24...Bg4? 1.05/23
[24...Qxe2∓ -1.21/22 stays on course. 25.Rxe2 Bg4]
25.Qxf3 0.32/19
[25.Qb5± 1.05/23 Bh3 26.Rd2 *(26.Qxc5? Qg2#)*]
25...Bxf3± 26.Rd3 Bg4 27.Nf6+ -0.09/22
[27.a4± 0.31/22]
27...Bxf6= 28.exf6 Rae8 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Bxf7? -2.87/23 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[30.Rd2!= -0.06/22]
30...Re2? 0.00/21
[30...Re1+-+ -2.87/23 31.Kf2 Re2+ 32.Kg1 Rxc2]
31.Bb3? -2.55/22
[31.c3!= 0.00/21 and White is okay. Bf5 32.Rd1]
31...Be6? 1.58/29
[Black should play 31...b5-+ -2.55/22 White must now prevent ...c4. 32.h4 c4 33.Bxc4 bxc4 34.Rxd4 Kg8 *(34...Rxc2 35.Rd8∓)* 35.Rxc4 Kf7]



32.Kf1!± Re4 ...c4 is the strong threat.
33.Bxe6 Rxe6 34.c3 Rxf6 2.13/26
[34...dxc3± 1.36/21 was worth a try. 35.Rxc3 *(35.bxc3 Rxf6 36.Rd7+ Kh8±)* 35...b6]
35.cxd4+- Rd6 2.96/24
[⌓35...cxd4 2.02/21 36.Rxd4 g5]

36.d5 c4? 4.92/24
[36...Kg7 2.33/21 might work better. 37.Ke2 Kf6]
37.Rd4 b6 38.Rxc4 2.26/19
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.75
[⌓38.Kf2 5.35/23]
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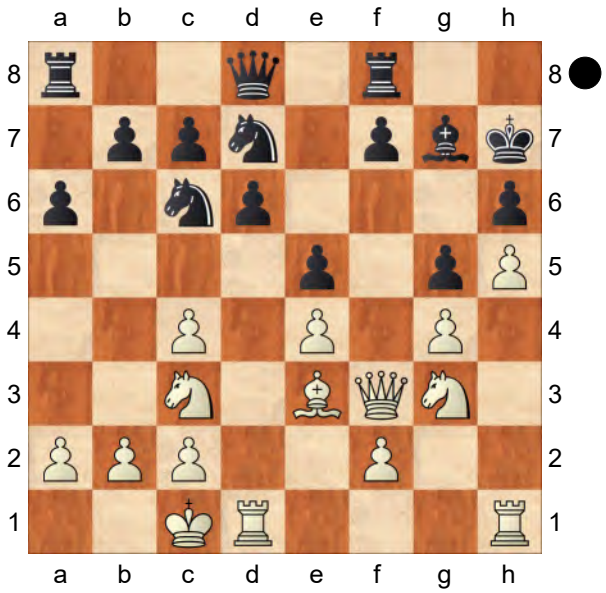
C20

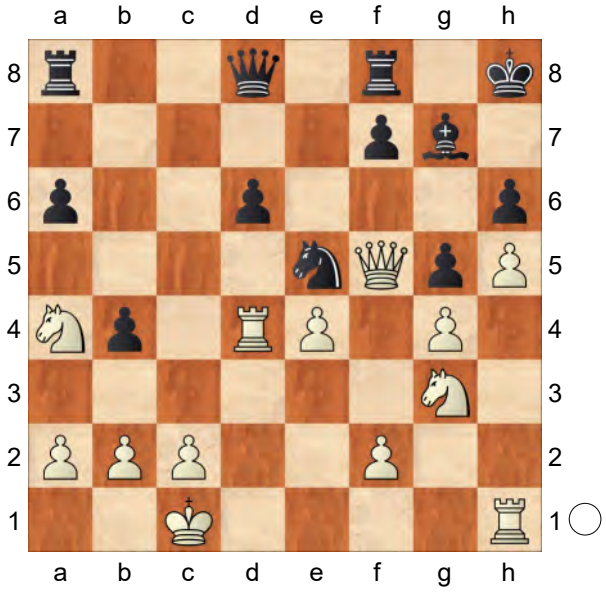
□ **Hamisandwich** **2661**
■ **kahvitauko** **2497**
Blitz 12.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Kosten,Tony: 'MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves'' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Prevents Bg4 **7...h6**
[7...Na5 8.Nbc3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 ½-½ (63) Carlsen,M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]
8.g4N The position is equal.
[8.Nbc3 Na5 9.g4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 12.h4 Nf6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Be3 hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3 Qe7 20.Kb2 a6 21.Nxf4 Bxc4 22.Qd2 Be6 0-1 (25) Liang,A (2613)-Nihal,S (2648) chess.com Junior Speed chess.com INT 2022 (3. 26)]
8...Be6 9.Nbc3 -0.84/20
[9.Bxe6∓ -0.36/20 is superior. fxe6 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5]
9...Bxc4∓ 10.dxc4 0-0? 0.81/22
[10...Nd7∓ -0.84/21]
11.Be3 0.31/20
[White should play 11.g5± 0.81/22 Nd7 *(11...hxg5? 12.Bxg5 Re8 13.Nd5+-)* 12.gxh6]
11...Kh7 1.32/21
[11...Nh7!± 0.31/20]
12.0-0-0± Nd7 13.h4 White is much more active. **13...a6** 1.88/18
[13...b6± 1.29/16 14.Kb1 f6]
14.h5 1.36/18
[14.c5+- 1.88/18]
14...g5 2.05/18
[14...Nd4± 1.36/18 15.Qg2 *(15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qg5+ 17.Kb1 Rae8±)* 15...Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g5]
15.Ng3? -0.28/20
[Better is 15.c5+- 2.05/18]



15...b5 0.79/16
[15...Nd4!= -0.28/20 16.Qg2 Ne6]
16.c5 -0.46/18
[16.cxb5 Nd4 17.Bxd4 exd4∓]
[White should try 16.Nf5± 0.79/16]
16...b4? 1.46/18
[16...Nd4∓ -0.46/18 17.Qg2 Nxc5]

17.Na4? -0.11/19
[17.Nce2± 1.46/18]
17...Nd4= 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.cxd6 Ne5 1.39/19
[19...cxd6= 0.20/19 20.Nf5 Be5]
20.Qf5+± Kh8 21.Rxd4 cxd6



22.Rhd1!
[Much weaker is 22.Rxb4 Qa5 23.a3 Rfb8=]
22...Qe8 2.49/17
[⌓22...a5 1.77/19 23.Rxd6 Qc7]
23.Rxb4 Nc6 2.71/20
[23...a5 1.64/21 was necessary. 24.Rbd4 Ra6]
24.Rb6+- Rb8 4.20/16
[24...Be5 2.72/18 was called for.]
25.Rxd6 Rxb6 White is clearly winning.
26.Nxb6 Nb4 6.81/19
[⌓26...Nd4 4.50/17 27.Qc5 Ne2+ 28.Nxe2 Qxe4]
27.c3 Nxa2+ 28.Kc2 Qe6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.76
1-0

C20
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2660**
■ **Riehle,Marco** **2347**
Titled Tuesday 26th Jan blitz (6) 26.1.21
[Kitty Kat]

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[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas, J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/ 308 Santa Clara 1995]
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[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 *(5.Qb3 Nd4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qc4 b5 8.Qc5+ Kxf7 9.Qc3 Bb4 10.Qd3 d5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 Bxc2#* Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid *)* 5...Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2*

dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 6...d6 7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]

4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qd1 d6 6.d3 Be6 7.Bg5 0-0-0 1.25/23

[7...Qd7= 0.02/25]

8.Nd5± White is better. **8...Bxd5**

9.Bxd5 0.36/21

[9.exd5± 1.16/25 Nb8 10.a4]

9...Nb8 0.72/21

[9...Nd4± 0.36/21]

10.Bb3 White is more active. **10...h6**

11.Be3 a6 12.Nh3 0.31/20

[12.c4 0.69/23 is more appropriate.]

12...d5± 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qg4+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Rxd7 16.0-0 -0.27/26

[⌓16.0-0-0 0.29/23]

16...Nxe3 0.47/21

[16...Nc6= -0.27/26]

17.fxe3 Bc5 18.Rae1 Rf8 19.c3? -1.16/22

[19.Nf2± 0.63/22 keeps the upper hand.]

19...Kd8 0.21/22

[Better is 19...Rxd3∓ -1.16/22 20.Rxf7 Rxf7 *(20...Rxe3?* loses. *21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Rxe3+-)* 21.Bxf7 Rxe3 *(21...Bxe3+ 22.Kf1=)* 22.Rxe3 Bxe3+ 23.Nf2 Kd8]

20.d4 Bd6 21.Nf2 Re7 0.34/20

[21...exd4= -0.02/26 feels stronger. 22.exd4 c6]

22.Ne4 exd4 23.exd4 f6 1.06/22

[23...Rfe8= 0.29/24 remains equal. 24.Nxd6 Rxe1 25.Nxe8 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kxe8]

24.g4 0.21/21

[24.Nxd6± 1.06/22 cxd6 25.Rxe7 Kxe7 26.Re1+ Kd8 27.h4]

24...Rfe8= 25.Bc2

[25.Nxd6 simplifies Rxe1 26.Nxe8 Rxe8 27.Kf2]

25...Nd7 26.Kg2

[26.Nxd6 simplifies Rxe1 27.Nxe8 Rxe8 28.Kf2]

26...c5 27.Rf5

[27.Nxd6 simplifies Rxe1 28.Nxe8 Rxe8 29.Kf3]

27...cxd4 28.cxd4 Nb6 29.Kf3 -0.32/22

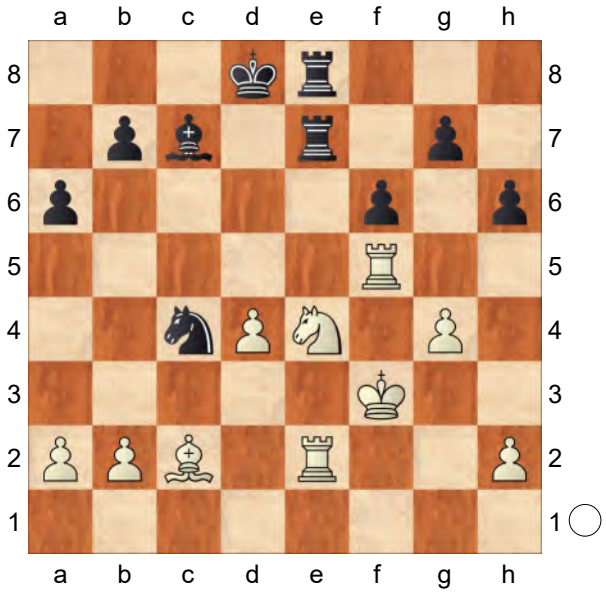
[29.Nxd6= 0.04/25 Rxe1 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Kf3]

29...Nc4 0.38/22

[29...Bxh2∓ -0.32/22 30.Rc5 Rd7]

30.Re2± Hoping for Bd3. **30...Bc7?** 3.05/22

[Black should play 30...Nb6± 0.31/18]



Loses the game. **31.Rd5+!+- Kc8 32.Rc5 b5 33.b3 Rxe4 34.Bxe4**

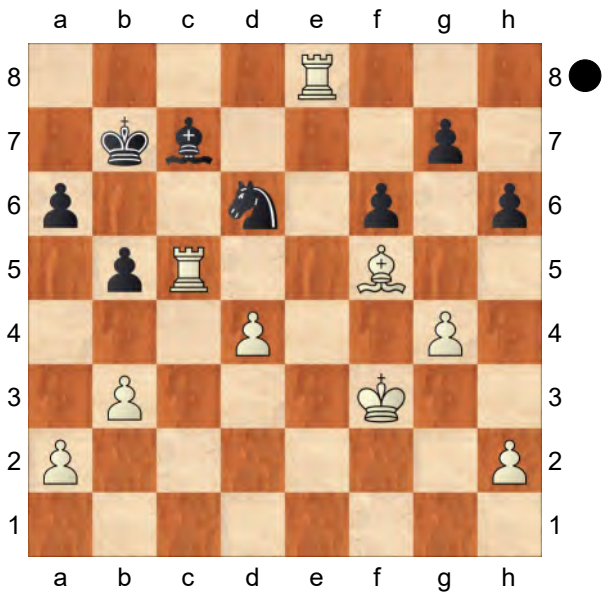
[34.Rxe4 Nd2+ 35.Ke3 Nxe4 36.Bxe4 g6±]

34...Nd6 35.Bf5+ Kb7 36.Rxe8

(Diagram)

Remove Defender **36...Nxe8**

Endgame. KRB-KBN **37.h4 Nd6 38.Be4+ Kc8 39.Rc6 a5 40.Bd5**



[Weaker is 40.Bf5+ Kb7 41.d5 Bb8+-]

40...Kd7 41.Ra6 White is clearly winning. **41...g5 42.h5 f5** 7.26/22

[⌓42...b4 4.90/20 43.Bc6+ Ke6]

43.gxf5 Nxf5 44.Be6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.44. Loses game: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=6 Black=8 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=16 Black=14 Best: White=3 Black=2 Strong: White=1 ---

1-0

C20

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2657**
■ **Filippov,Anton** **2466**

Champions Challenge 92nd blitz (5.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d5N

[6...d6 7.h3 *(7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6* 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt *)* 7...Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 *(8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.b3 h6 11.g4 Nd7 12.Ng3 Qe7 13.h4 c6 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.Qe2 Kb8 16.f3 Bf6 17.h5 Bh4 18.Bf2 Bxg3 19.Bxg3 g5 20.0-0-0 Nc5 21.Bf2 Bc8 22.Qe3 b6 23.Ne2* 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2745)-Ongut,T (2242) Titled Tuesday intern op 3rd Sept Chess.com INT blitz 2019 (6) *)* 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1]

[6...h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 g5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Ne3 c6 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 18.Ng3 d5 19.0-0 Qc7 20.Nef5 Nxf5 21.Nxf5 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (2.38)]

[6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Lux,H (2324)-Kraus,S (1904) World-chT Rapid Düsseldorf 2023 (8.18)]

7.exd5 Nb4 8.Bb3 Black has an edge.

8...Nbxd5

[8...Nfxd5? 9.a3 Nxc2+ 10.Bxc2+-]

9.h3 0-0 10.Bg5 c6 -0.13/20

[10...h6∓ -0.55/20 11.Bd2 Be6]

11.Nbc3= h6 12.Nxd5 hxg5 13.Ndc3 a5 14.a4 Qe7 0.07/17

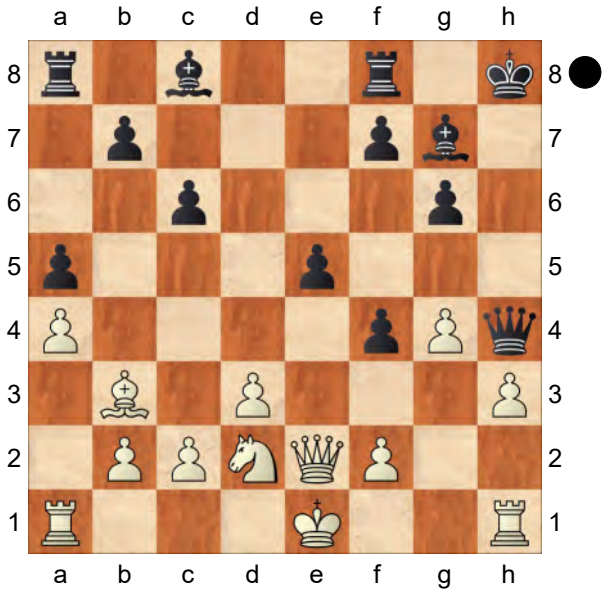
[14...Ra6∓ -0.33/23]

15.Qe3 Nh5 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 gxf4 18.Qe2 -0.22/21

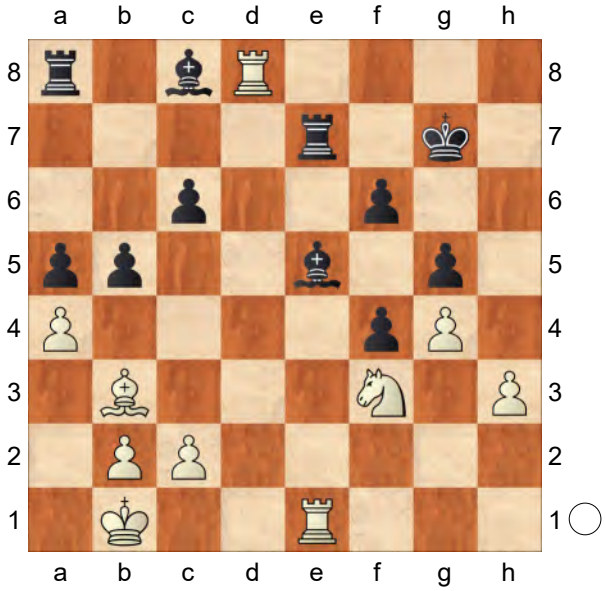
[18.Qe4 0.14/19 should be considered.]

18...Qh4 19.Ne4 Kh8 0.33/19

[19...b5= -0.23/19]
20.Nd2 -0.37/20
[White should play 20.Nd6± 0.33/19]



20...e4! 21.0-0-0
[21.Qxe4 f5]
21...exd3 22.Qxd3 Qxf2 next ...b5! is good for Black.
[22...b5!? 23.Qf3 bxa4 24.Bxa4 Be6 25.Bxc6 Rab8∓]
23.Ne4 -0.69/19
[23.Rhf1!= -0.19/20 Qe3 24.Rde1 Qxd3 25.cxd3]
23...Qe3+→ White needs to defend precisely. **24.Kb1 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Be5** -0.42/23
[Black should try 25...b5∓ -0.86/21 And now ...bxa4 would win. 26.Re1 bxa4 27.Bxa4 Ra7 28.Bxc6 Re7]
26.Re1 f6 Prevents Ng5. **27.Nd2** -1.13/22
[⌓27.Rf3 -0.76/19]
27...g5 -0.02/22
[27...b5∓ -1.13/22 White must now prevent ...Ba6. 28.Nf3 Ra7]
28.Nf3 -0.74/23
[28.Ne4= -0.02/22]
28...Re8∓ 29.Bf7 Re7 30.Rd8+ -2.23/22
[30.Bh5∓ -0.93/21 might work better.]
30...Kg7-+ 31.Bb3 -2.59/26
[⌓31.Nxe5 -1.69/16 fxe5 *(31...Rxe5 32.Rxe5 fxe5 33.Bc4∓)* 32.Bc4]
31...b5? 0.00/23
[31...Bxg4!-+ -2.59/26 32.Rxa8 Bxf3 33.Rg8+ Kh6]



32.Nd4 Rb7 1.01/22
[32...bxa4= -0.06/21 keeps the balance. 33.Bxa4 Rea7]
33.axb5 0.42/16 White has more active pieces.
[33.Nxc6± 1.01/22 Bd7 *(33...bxa4 34.Bd5±)* 34.Rxa8 Bxc6 35.Rxa5 *(35.Rg8+ Kh7±)* 35...bxa4 36.Bxa4 Bxa4 37.Rxa4]
33...Bxd4±
[33...cxb5 34.Rg8+ *(34.Nf5+ Bxf5 35.Rxa8 Bg6±)* 34...Kh7 35.Nf3±]
34.Rxd4 Rxb5 2.78/20
[34...cxb5± 0.42/16 35.Rd8 Rc7 36.Rg8+ Kh7]
35.Re7++- Kh6? 4.99/18
[35...Kg6 2.28/20 was necessary.]
36.Rd6! Kg6 #7/12
[36...Be6+- 4.78/18 37.Bxe6

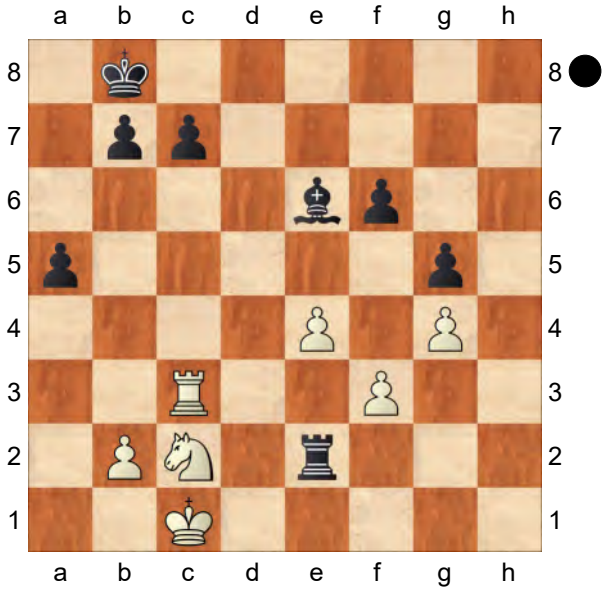
(37.Rdxe6 Rf8+-) 37...Rf8]
37.Bc4? 3.07/21
[Not 37.Rxc6 Rxb3 38.cxb3 Ba6=]
[Weaker is 37.Bg8 Bxg4 38.Bf7+ Kf5 39.hxg4+ Kxg4±]
[37.Bf7+ #7/12 mates Kh6 38.Be8 *(38.Rxc6 Rb7+-; 38.Rxf6+ Kg7+-)* 38...Rxb2+ Decoy 39.Kxb2 Rb8+ 40.Ka1 Be6 41.Rdxe6 Rb1+ 42.Kxb1 f3 43.Rxf6#]
37...Rb7? #3/17
[37...Rd5+- 3.07/21 38.Bxd5 cxd5]
38.Bd3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.81
1-0

C20

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2657**
■ **Sasikiran,Krishnan** **2642**
Sigeman & Co (13eme tournoi) (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 Bg4N
[7...0-0 8.a3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 E4 Openings-Parham/ Wayward Queen Attack 1]
8.Qg3 Black has an edge. **8...Qd7** 0.24/18
[8...Nb4∓ -0.42/20 9.Kd1 a6]
9.f3= Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3 Na5 0.41/22
[Black should try 12...Nd4= -0.21/21 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bxe6 *(14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bxe6* Remove Defender *fxe6∓)* 14...fxe6]
13.Bb3 -0.21/19
[13.Bd5± 0.41/22]
13...Nxb3 14.axb3 a6 0.64/22
[14...c5= -0.25/20]
15.d4± Qe7 16.Qf2 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nf6 18.0-0-0 e5 would now be deadly.
18...0-0-0 19.Nf4 Rhg8 20.Rhe1 Kb8 21.Kb1 g5 22.Nfe2 Rge8 1.61/21
[22...Nd7± 0.67/21]
23.g4 0.70/20
[23.e5!+- 1.61/21]
23...Qf8 24.Ng3 Nd7 25.Be3 0.19/23
[25.Bxg7± 0.55/22 Qxg7 26.h3]
25...Qh8 26.Nge2 Be5 27.h4 Qg7 28.Rh1 Nf6 29.Bd4 Nd7 30.Qe3 Qf6 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Bxe5 Qxe5 33.Rh5 Rg8 34.Nd5 Rde8 35.Qc1 Qg7 36.Ne3
[36.Nd4 looks sharper. Ne5 37.Rf1 Nd7 38.Nf5]
36...Nf6 37.Rh2 Rh8 38.Rg2 Nd7 39.Nd4 Rh3 40.c4 Qf6 41.Rf2 Reh8 42.b4 Qe5 43.c5 dxc5 44.bxc5 Nxc5 45.Qc3 Prevents Nb3. aiming for Nc6+!
45...f6 ...Rh1 is the strong threat. **46.Rc2** -1.46/20 Black continues to play with concentration.
[46.Qb4!= 0.00/21 Ka8 47.Rc2]
46...Na4∓ 47.Qb4 -1.74/21
[47.Qa3∓ -1.21/20 was necessary. Bd7 48.Rc4]
47...Bd7-+ And now ...c5 would win.
48.Nb3 -2.05/22
[48.Nd5∓ -1.58/21 is a better defense. c5 49.Rxc5 Nxc5 50.Qxc5]
48...Rh1
[48...Rxf3 49.Rxd7 Rxe3 50.Qxa4 Qxe4 51.Qxe4 Rxe4 52.Rcxc7 Rh1+ 53.Kc2±]
49.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 50.Ka2 Nb6
Repels Nd5. Threatens to win with ... Be6. **51.Qf8+** -2.94/24
[⌓51.Nd4 -1.63/20]
51...Qe8 52.Qxe8+
[52.Qxf6? perishes. Be6 53.Qd4

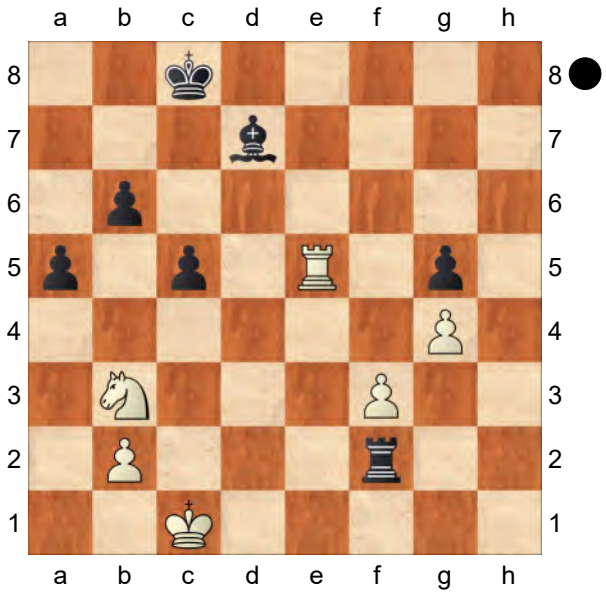
Qb5-+ *(53...Bxb3+ 54.Kxb3 Qf7+ 55.Nd5∓)*]
52...Bxe8 53.Nc5 Nd7 54.Nxd7+ Bxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **55.Kb3** -2.49/20
[⌓55.b4 -1.90/21]
55...Re1 56.Rc3 Be6+ 57.Kc2 Re2+ 58.Kc1 a5 Hoping for ...a4. **59.Nc2**



Black must now prevent Nd4. **59...Rf2!**
60.Nd4 Bd7 61.Rc5 -3.18/28
[⌓61.Re3 -2.09/19]
61...b6 62.Rd5 Kc8 63.e5 fxe5 64.Rxe5 c5 65.Nb3? -4.81/22
[65.Ne2 -2.49/20]

(Diagram)

65...Rf1+!
[65...Rxf3 66.Nxc5 Bxg4 *(66...bxc5 67.Rxc5+ Kb7 68.Rxa5∓)* 67.Rxg5∓]
66.Kd2 a4
[66...Rxf3 67.Nxa5 Kc7 *(67...bxa5 68.Rxc5+ Kb7 69.Rxa5∓)* 68.Nc4∓]
67.Nxc5 bxc5 68.Rxc5+ KRB-KR
68...Kb7 69.Rxg5 Rxf3 70.Rd5 Be6
[70...Bxg4 71.Rd4∓]
71.Rd3 Rf1 72.Rg3 Rf2+ 73.Kc3



-5.32/24
[⌓73.Kc1 -3.43/25]
73...Kb6 74.Kb4 Rf4+ 75.Ka3 -#38/19
[75.Kc3-+ -5.06/21 Bxg4 76.Kd2]
75...Kb5
[Less strong is 75...Rxg4 76.Rxg4 Bxg4 77.b3∓]
76.Re3 Bd5
[76...Bxg4 77.b3∓]
77.Rd3 Bc4 78.Re3 Rd4
[Not 78...Rxg4 79.Re5+ Kc6 80.Kxa4∓]
79.g5 Rd1 80.b3 axb3 81.Re8 Ra1+ 82.Kb2 Ra2+ 83.Kc3 Rc2+ 84.Kd4 b2 85.Rb8+ Ka4 (-> ...Bb5) **86.g6 Bb5 87.g7 b1Q**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
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C20
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** 2657
■ **Sasikiran,Krishnan** 2642
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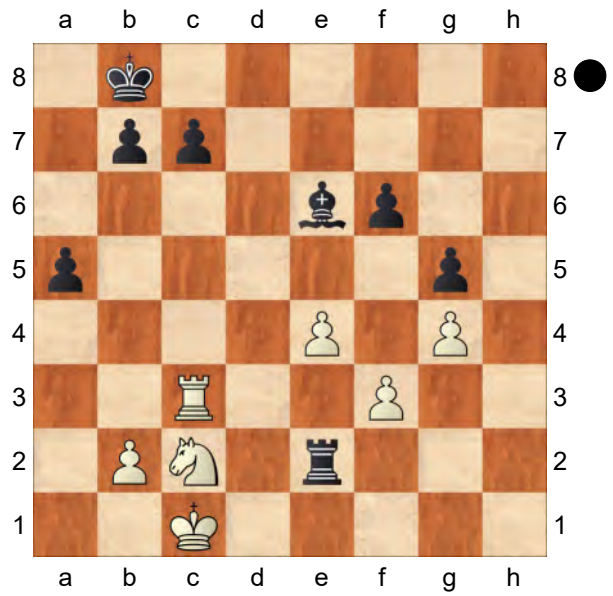
[Kitty Kat]

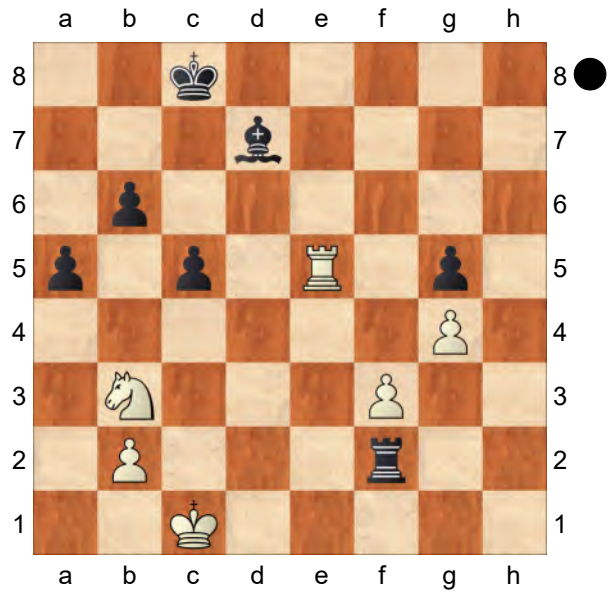
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 Bg4N
[7...Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]
[7...0-0 8.a3 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nh7 13.0-0 c6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 8...Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 1]
8.Qg3 Black is slightly better. **8...Qd7** 0.26/18
[8...Nb4∓ -0.31/18 9.Kd1 0-0]
9.f3= Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3 -0.33/19
[12.Bd2!± 0.31/20]
12...Na5 0.49/19
[12...Nd4∓ -0.33/19 13.0-0-0 0-0]
13.Bb3 -0.41/18
[13.Bd5± 0.49/19]
13...Nxb3∓ 14.axb3 a6 0.61/20
[Black should try 14...c5!∓ -0.48/19]
15.d4± Qe7 16.Qf2 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nf6 18.0-0-0 Black must now prevent e5. **18...0-0-0 19.Nf4 Rhg8 20.Rhe1** And now Nfd5 would win. **20...Kb8 21.Kb1 g5 22.Nfe2 Rge8** 1.87/18
[22...Nd7± 0.66/20]
23.g4 0.73/17
[23.e5!+- 1.87/18 has better winning chances.]
23...Qf8± 24.Ng3 Nd7 25.Be3 Qh8 26.Nge2 Be5 27.h4 Qg7 28.Rh1 Nf6 29.Bd4 Nd7 30.Qe3 Qf6 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Bxe5 Qxe5 33.Rh5 Rg8 34.Nd5 Rde8 35.Qc1 Qg7 36.Ne3
[36.Nd4!?]
36...Nf6 37.Rh2 Rh8 38.Rg2 Nd7 39.Nd4 Rh3 40.c4 -0.51/18
[40.Nef5= -0.14/19 Qf6 41.Rg3]
40...Qf6 White should prevent ...Ne5.
41.Rf2 Reh8 42.b4 Qe5 43.c5 dxc5 44.bxc5 Nxc5 45.Qc3 Wards off Nb3
45...f6 46.Rc2 -0.93/17
[46.Qb4!∓ -0.31/21 Ka8 47.Rc2]
46...Na4∓ Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **47.Qb4 Bd7** ...c5 is the strong threat. **48.Nb3** -2.34/20
[48.Nd5∓ -1.03/19 Rh2 49.f4 gxf4 50.Nf3 *(50.Nxc7? a5-+)* 50...Qxb2+ 51.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 52.Qxb2 Nxb2 53.Kxb2 Bxg4 54.Rf1]
48...Rh1
[48...Rxf3 49.Rxd7 Rxe3 50.Qxa4 Rxe4 51.Qa3+-]
49.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 50.Ka2 Nb6 Wards off Nd5. Hoping for ...Be6.
51.Qf8+ -2.58/22
[51.Nd4 -1.71/18 keeps fighting.]
51...Qe8 52.Qxe8+
[52.Qxf6? Be6 53.Qd4 Qb5-+ *(53...Bxb3+ 54.Kxb3 Qf7+ 55.Nd5-+)*]
52...Bxe8 53.Nc5 Nd7 54.Nxd7+ Bxd7-+ Endgame. KRB-KRN **55.Kb3** -2.53/17
[55.b4 -1.90/18 is a better defense.]
55...Re1! 56.Rc3 Be6+ 57.Kc2 Re2+ 58.Kc1 a5 59.Nc2

(Diagram)

Rf2! 60.Nd4 Bd7 61.Rc5 b6 62.Rd5 Kc8 63.e5 fxe5 64.Rxe5 c5 65.Nb3?



-4.47/18
[65.Ne2 -1.94/20 was the only chance.]



65...Rf1+!
[65...Rxf3 66.Nxc5 Bxg4 *(66...bxc5 67.Rxc5+ Kb8 68.Rxa5∓)* 67.Rxg5∓]
66.Kd2 a4
[66...Rxf3 67.Nxc5 bxc5 68.Rxc5+ Kd8 69.Rxa5∓]
67.Nxc5 bxc5 68.Rxc5+ KRB-KR
68...Kb7 69.Rxg5 Rxf3 70.Rd5 Be6
[70...Bxg4 71.Rd4∓]
71.Rd3 Rf1
[71...Bxg4 72.Rd4∓]
72.Rg3 Rf2+ 73.Kc3 -5.11/26
[Wrong is 73.Ke3? Rxb2 74.Kd4 *(74.Rh3 Rb3+* Skewer *75.Kf4 Rxh3 76.g5 a3 77.Ke5 a2 78.Kxe6 a1Q 79.Kf7 Rg3 80.Kg6 Qe5 81.Kf7 Rxg5 82.Kf8 Qc7 83.Ke8 Rg8#)* 74...Rb4+ 75.Kc5 Rb3-+ *(75...Rxg4? 76.Re3-+)*]
[⌓73.Kc1 -3.39/27]
73...Kb6 aiming for ...Kc5. **74.Kb4 Rf4+ 75.Ka3** -28.47/23
[⌓75.Kc3 -5.05/23 Bxg4 76.Rg1]
75...Kb5 ...Rf1! would now be deadly.
[75...Rxg4 76.Rxg4 Bxg4 77.Kxa4∓]
76.Re3 Bd5
[Less strong is 76...Bxg4 77.b3∓]
77.Rd3 Bc4 78.Re3 Rd4 Strongly threatening ...Bd5!
[Weaker is 78...Rxg4 79.Re5+ Ka6 80.Kxa4∓]
79.g5 Rd1 80.b3 axb3 81.Re8 Ra1+ 82.Kb2 Ra2+ 83.Kc3 Rc2+ 84.Kd4 b2 85.Rb8+ Ka4 (-> ...Bb5) **86.g6 Bb5 87.g7 b1Q**
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		C20
□	**Osnos,Viatcheslav**	**2657**
■	**Skopec,Lubos**	**2642**
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[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 Bg4N
[7...Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6

10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6
29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]
[7...0-0 8.a3 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nh7 13.0-0 c6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 8...Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 1]

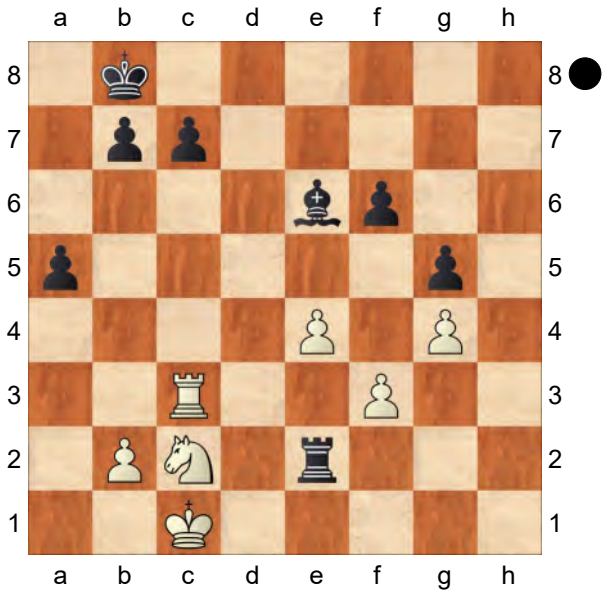
8.Qg3 Black has an edge. **8...Qd7** 0.17/19
[8...Nb4∓ -0.39/19 9.Kd1 Nc6]
9.f3= Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3 -0.28/19
[⌓12.Bd2! 0.22/18]
12...Na5 0.33/20
[Better is 12...Nd4= -0.28/19 13.0-0-0 0-0]
13.Bb3 -0.42/17
[13.Bd5± 0.33/20]
13...Nxb3∓ 14.axb3 a6 0.58/20
[14...c5!= -0.29/19]
15.d4± Qe7 16.Qf2 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nf6 18.0-0-0 Threatens to win with e5.
18...0-0-0 19.Nf4 Rhg8 20.Rhe1 Kb8 21.Kb1 g5 22.Nfe2 Rge8 1.35/19
[22...Nd7± 0.58/21]
23.g4 0.70/18
[23.e5!± 1.35/19 dxe5 24.Ba7+ *(24.Bxe5 Ng4∓)* 24...Ka8 25.Bc5]
23...Qf8 24.Ng3 Nd7 25.Be3 Qh8 26.Nge2 Be5 27.h4 Qg7 28.Rh1 Nf6 29.Bd4 Nd7 30.Qe3 Qf6 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Bxe5 Qxe5 33.Rh5 Rg8 34.Nd5 Rde8 35.Qc1 Qg7 36.Ne3 -0.09/19
[36.Nd4± 0.37/22]
36...Nf6 37.Rh2 Rh8 38.Rg2 Nd7 39.Nd4 Rh3 40.c4 Qf6 41.Rf2 Reh8 42.b4 Qe5 43.c5 dxc5 44.bxc5
[44.Nxe6 simplifies Qxe6 45.Rfd2 Nb6 46.bxc5 Nc8 47.Qc4]
44...Nxc5 45.Qc3 Against Nb3. Nc6+! is the strong threat. **45...f6** And now ...Rh1 would win. **46.Rc2?** -1.59/19
[46.Qb4!= 0.00/18 Ka8 47.Rc2]
46...Na4∓ 47.Qb4 Bd7 48.Nb3 -2.08/20
[48.Nd5∓ -1.03/18 was necessary. Rh2 49.f4 gxf4 50.Nf3 *(50.Nxc7? a5-+)* 50...Qxb2+ X-Ray Attack 51.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 52.Qxb2 Nxb2 53.Kxb2 Bxg4 54.Rf1]
48...Rh1
[48...Rxf3? 49.Rxd7 Rxe3 50.Qxa4 Qxe4 51.Qxe4 Rxe4 52.Rcxc7 Rh1+ 53.Kc2+-]
49.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 50.Ka2 Nb6 Wards off Nd5. aiming for ...Be6. Dancing on a razor blade. Black is more active. **51.Qf8+** -2.85/23
[51.Nd4 -1.65/18 might work better.]
51...Qe8 52.Qxe8+
[52.Qxf6? Be6 53.Qd4 Qb5-+ *(53...Bxb3+ 54.Kxb3 Qf7+ 55.Nd5-+)*]
52...Bxe8 53.Nc5 Nd7 54.Nxd7+ Bxd7-+ Endgame. KRB-KRN **55.Kb3** -2.46/17
[⌓55.b4 -1.87/17]
55...Re1! 56.Rc3 Be6+ 57.Kc2 Re2+ 58.Kc1 a5 59.Nc2

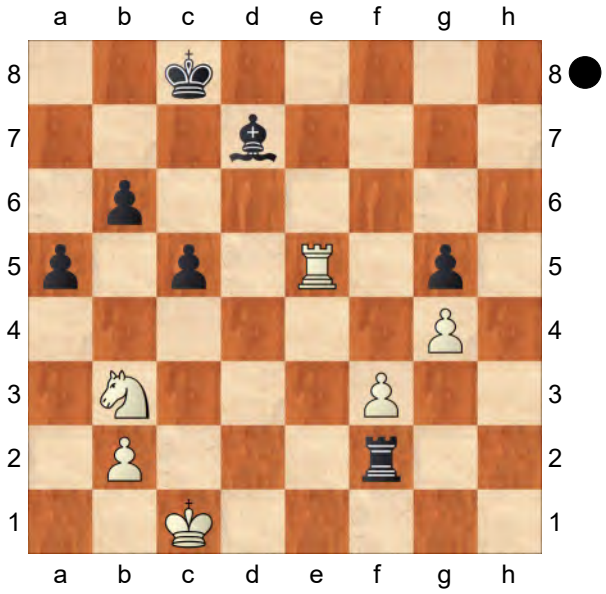
(Diagram)

Rf2! 60.Nd4 Bd7 61.Rc5 -3.19/26
[61.Nf5 -2.08/18 was worth a try.]
61...b6 62.Rd5 Kc8 63.e5 fxe5 64.Rxe5 c5 65.Nb3? -4.65/19
[65.Ne2 -2.26/19]

(Diagram)

65...Rf1+!
[65...Rxf3 66.Nxc5 Bxg4 *(66...bxc5*





67.Rxc5+ Kd8 68.Rxa5∓) 67.Rxg5∓]

66.Kd2 a4

[66...Rxf3 67.Nxc5 Bxg4 *(67...bxc5 68.Rxc5+ Kd8 69.Rxa5∓)* 68.Rxg5∓]

67.Nxc5 bxc5 68.Rxc5+ KRB-KR

68...Kb7 69.Rxg5 Rxf3 70.Rd5 Be6

[70...Bxg4 71.Rd4∓]

71.Rd3 Rf1

[71...Bxg4 72.Rd4 Bf5 *(72...Rf2+ 73.Kc3∓)* 73.Rxa4∓]

[71...Rxd3+? 72.Kxd3 Bxg4 73.Kc2 Bf5+ 74.Kc3]

72.Rg3 Rf2+ 73.Kc3 -4.84/21

[⌓73.Kc1 -3.34/24]

73...Kb6 74.Kb4 Rf4+ 75.Ka3 -15.11/23

[⌓75.Kc3 -5.09/22 Bxg4 76.Kd2]

75...Kb5

[75...Rxg4 76.Rxg4 Bxg4 77.Kxa4∓]

76.Re3 Bd5 White must now prevent ... Rf1!

[76...Bxg4 77.b3∓]

77.Rd3 Bc4 -15.03/23

[⌓77...Rf1 -7.80/21 78.Rxd5+ Kc4 79.Rd4+ Kxd4 80.Kxa4 Kc4 81.Ka5 Rf6 82.g5 Rg6 83.b4 Re6 *(83...Rxg5+* is a self mate. *84.Kb6 Rg6+ 85.Kc7 Kxb4 86.Kd7 Kc5 87.Ke7 Kd5 88.Kf7 Re6 89.Kg7 Kd6 90.Kf8 Re7 91.Kg8 Ke6 92.Kf8 Rc7 93.Kg8 Kf6 94.Kh8 Kg6 95.Kg8 Rc8#)* 84.b5 Rg6 85.b6 Kc5 *(85...Rxg5+ 86.Ka6 Rb5 87.Ka7 Kc5 88.b7 Ra5+ 89.Kb8 Kb6 90.Kc8 Rc5+ 91.Kd7 Kxb7 92.Kd6 Ra5 93.Kd7 Ra6 94.Ke8 Kc6 95.Ke7 Kc7 96.Kf8 Kd6 97.Kf7 Kd7 98.Kf8 Ke6 99.Kg7 Ke7 100.Kh8 Rg6 101.Kh7 Kf7 102.Kh8 Rh6#)* 86.b7 Rb6 *(86...Rxg5?* too greedy. *87.b8Q+-)* 87.g6 Rxb7 88.Ka4 Rb4+ 89.Ka3 Kc4 90.g7 Rb8 91.g8B+ Rxg8 92.Kb2 Rg2+ 93.Kc1 Kd3 94.Kb1 Kc3 95.Ka1 Kb3 96.Kb1 Rg1#]

78.Re3 Rd4

[Less strong is 78...Rxg4 79.Re5+ Kc6 80.Kxa4∓]

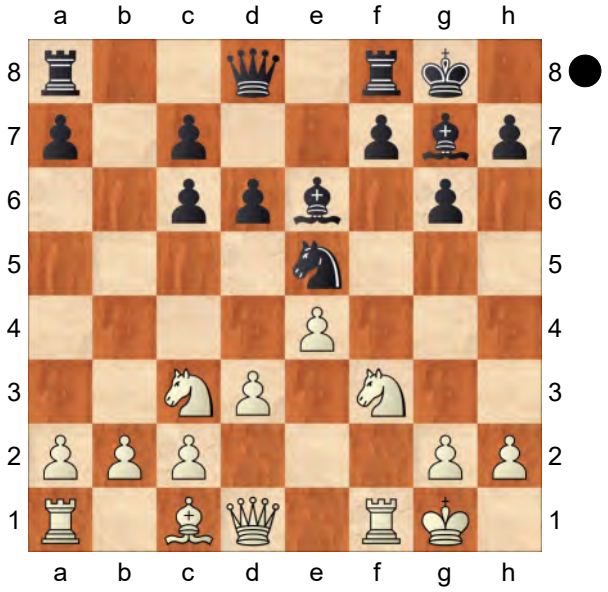
79.g5 Rd1 80.b3 axb3 Strongly threatening ...Rd2. **81.Re8 Ra1+ 82.Kb2 Ra2+ 83.Kc3 Rc2+ 84.Kd4 b2 85.Rb8+ Ka4** (-> ...Bb5) **86.g6 Bb5 87.g7 b1Q**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

C20
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2655**
■ **Cheparinov,I** **2710**
World Blitz 2017 (4.23) 29.12.2017
[MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qd1 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 -0.80/23
[7.a4= -0.03/18]
7...Be6 0.00/23
[7...0-0∓ -0.80/23]
8.Bb5 -0.85/22
[8.Bxe6= 0.00/23 fxe6 9.fxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4]
8...0-0∓ 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 -1.16/20
[White should try 10.Nf3 -0.78/24]
10...Ng4∓
[Much weaker is 10...dxe5?! 11.Nf3=]
11.Nf3 Nxe5
[And not 11...dxe5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Be3±]
12.0-0



f5 -0.37/21
[12...Bg4!∓ -1.41/18 ...f5 is the strong threat. 13.Ne2 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bd7]
13.h3 -1.37/22
[13.Nxe5∓ -0.37/21 Bxe5 14.Bf4]
13...Rb8 -0.44/20
[13...f4∓ -1.37/22 14.Nd4 Bxh3 15.Rxf4 Bg4 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8]
14.Nxe5∓ Bxe5 15.d4 -1.31/19
[15.Bh6∓ -0.38/19]
15...Bg7∓ 16.exf5 Bxf5 -0.96/19
[16...Rxf5-+ -1.63/23 17.Re1 Qf6]
17.b3 -2.38/21
[17.Ne2∓ -0.96/19]
17...Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7 19.Rf2 -4.07/23
[⌓19.Qf1 -2.87/19 Bxh3 *(19...Bxc2? 20.Kh2-+)* 20.gxh3 Bxd4+ 21.Kh2]
19...Rbe8 20.Bf4 g5 21.Bc1 Qe1+ 22.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 23.Kh2 Bxd4 24.Rf3 Be5+ 25.g3 Bxc2 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bb2 Rxa1 28.Bxa1 Kf7 29.Kg2 h5 30.Bb2 Ke6 31.Na4 Be4+ 32.Kf2 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Bxe5 Kxe5 35.b4 Bf5 36.Kg2 Kd4 37.a3 Bc2 38.Nb2 Kc3
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C20
□ **SHINZOUWOSASAGEYO** **2644**
■ **Karl0choa** **2664**
Blitz 02.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
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Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4) *)* 4...Nf6

A) 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 *(7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Seidman URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18);

B) 5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N, N]

[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Caba Cabanas,J-10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_13795_15163 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]

3...g6 4.Qg5 Be7 5.Qe3 Nf6 6.Bb5 0-0 7.Bxc6 dxc6 0.58/20

[7...bxc6= -0.26/21 8.Nxe5 Re8]

8.Nxe5± White is slightly better. **8...Re8** 1.05/22

[8...Bd6!± 0.66/20 9.f4 Re8]

9.0-0? -0.61/24

[9.Nc3!± 1.05/22]

9...Bd6 0.01/24

[9...Bf8!∓ -0.61/24 10.f4 Bh6]

10.d4 -0.47/20

[10.f4!= 0.01/24 feels stronger.]

10...c5!∓ 11.f4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 b6↑ ...Bc5 is the strong threat. Black is pushing. **13.Nc6** -2.00/25

[13.Qc4∓ -0.54/23]

13...Qd7!-+

[13...Rxe4 14.Qxe4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Nxe4 16.Nxd8∓]

[13...Bc5 14.Qxc5 bxc5 15.Nxd8±]

14.Qxf6 -2.82/24

[⌓14.Ne5 -1.96/24 Rxe5 *(14...Bc5 15.Qxc5 bxc5 16.Nxd7±)* 15.fxe5]

14...Qxc6 15.e5? -4.14/24

[15.Qc3 -2.55/18 was worth a try. Qxe4 16.Nd2]

15...Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Qxf6 17.exf6 Ba6 18.Rd1 Be2 19.Rd5 Bb5 20.Bd2 -3.09/21 Wards off Re1+

[⌓20.Rd1 -2.03/23]

20...Bc6 21.Re5 Rxe5 22.fxe5 Re8? -0.13/17

[22...Rd8-+ -2.52/19 Hoping for ... Rd5. 23.h3 Rd5]

23.Bc3!= b5 aiming for ...b4. Black has compensation. **24.b4 Be3 25.Na3** -0.49/24

[25.Nd2!= 0.06/25]

25...h5∓ 26.Re1 Bg5 0.04/20

[Better is 26...Bf2∓ -0.46/22 27.Rf1 Bb6]

27.Kg1= h4 28.Nb1 h3 29.gxh3 Rd8 30.e6 fxe6 31.Rxe6 Bd5 32.Re7 -1.39/21

[32.Re5= -0.10/23 Bxf6 33.Re3 *(33.Rxd5? Rxd5 34.Bd2 c5-+)*]

32...Bxa2∓ This pair of bishops is nice.

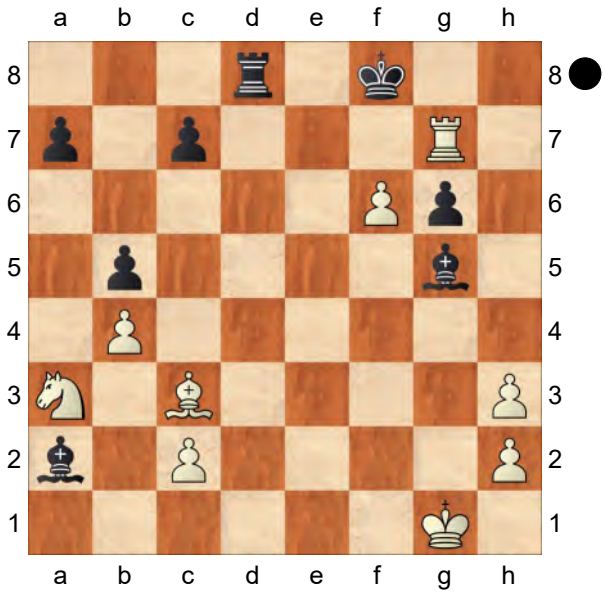
33.Rg7+ Kf8 34.Na3

(Diagram)

Bf7 -0.55/21

[Black should try 34...a6!∓ -1.24/18 White must now prevent ...Bc1. 35.Rxg6 *(35.Rxc7? Bc1-+)* 35...Bc1]

35.Nxb5∓ c6 0.00/25



[35...Be3+!∓ -0.49/21 36.Kg2 Rd5 37.Nxc7 Rg5+ 38.Kf3 Bb6]

36.Nc7

[36.Nxa7? Be3+ 37.Kf1 Bxa7-+]

36...Bf4 37.Na6 Bh6 0.97/18

[37...Rd1+= 0.00/22 38.Kg2 Bd5+ 39.Kf2 Rh1 *(39...Bxh2 40.Ke2±; 39...Rc1 40.Ke2=)*]

38.Rh7± Be3+ 1.36/21

[⌓38...Bf4 0.95/22]

39.Kf1 0.52/20

[39.Kg2± 1.36/21]

39...Bc4+ 1.42/22

[39...Kg8± 0.52/20 40.Rh4 *(40.Rg7+ Kf8±)* 40...g5]

40.Ke1 0.19/21

[40.Kg2± 1.42/22]

40...Kg8

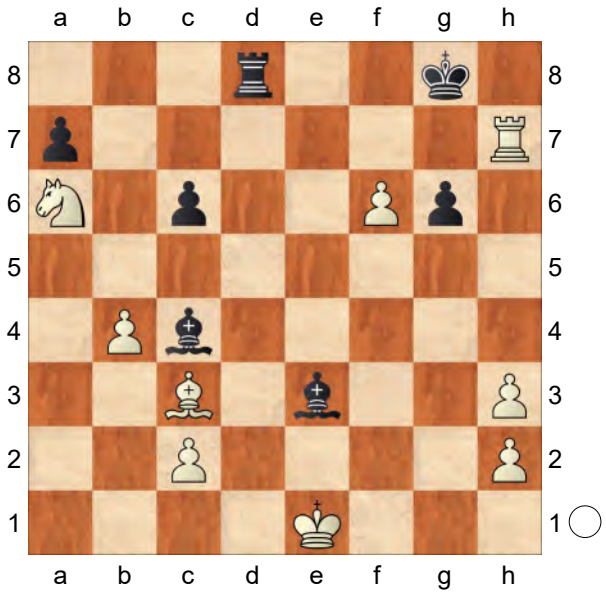
(Diagram)

Prevents Be5. **41.f7+?** -5.95/27 **Kf8??** 4.20/19

[41...Kxh7-+ -5.95/27 avoids the disaster. 42.Nc5 Bxc5 *(42...Bxf7? 43.Nd3-+)* 43.bxc5 Bxf7]

42.Rh8+ Skewer.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/



Black=0.48

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C20

□ **SHINZOUWOSASAGEYO** **2633**

■ **Kivurawnuru** **2864**

Blitz 26.02.2024

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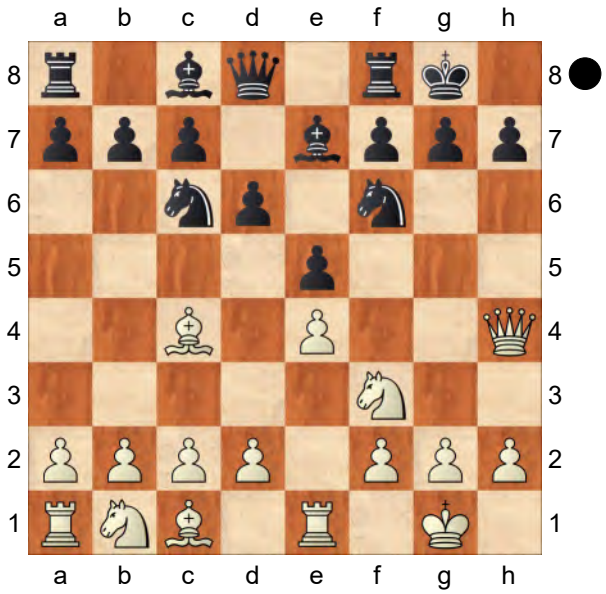
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7 5.Bc4 0-0 -0.92/18
[5...d5-+ -1.63/20 6.exd5 Nxd5]
6.0-0 -1.80/18
[6.d3∓ -0.92/18 was called for.]
6...d6 -0.75/20
[6...d5-+ -1.80/18 has better winning chances. 7.exd5 Nxd5]
7.Re1 -3.10/19
[7.Nc3∓ -0.75/20 was necessary.]

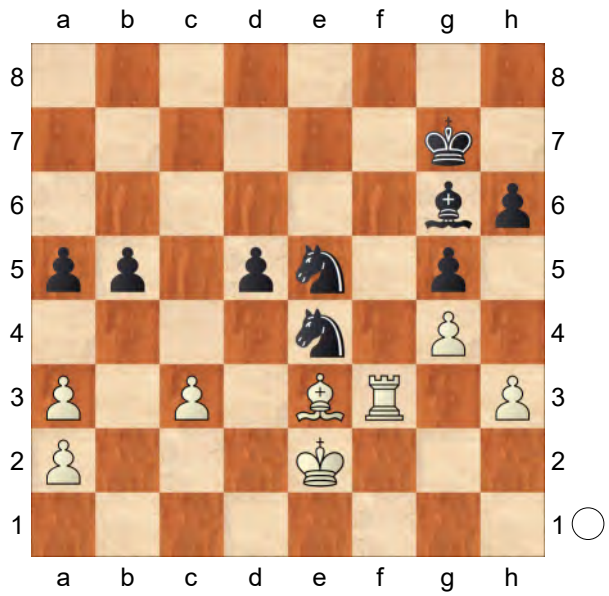
(Diagram)

7...Bg4? -1.17/19
[7...Ng4-+ -3.10/19 and Black stays clearly on top. 8.Qg3 h5]
8.Ng5? -2.97/19



[8.Qg3∓ -1.17/19]
8...h6-+ 9.Nxf7 Rxf7 10.d3 Qd7 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.h3 Nd4 13.Na3 Be6 14.c3 Nc6 15.f4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Kg8 17.d4 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Rf1 -5.28/17
[⌓19.Rxe4 -3.57/17 Rf8 Deflection *(19...dxe4? 20.Be3-+)* 20.Qg3 dxe4 21.Nc2]
19...Rf8 20.Qe3 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 White is weak on the light squares **21...Bxa3 22.bxa3 Na5 23.Qf3 Nc4** Excellent horsemanship. **24.Kg1 b6 25.Bf4 Qf7 26.Rf1 g5 27.Bc1 Qxf3 28.Rxf3 b5 29.g4 a5 30.Kh2 Kg7 31.Kg2 c6 32.Kh2 Nb6 33.Bb2 Na4 34.Ba1 Nb6 35.Bb2 Bf7 36.Kg2 Bg6 37.Kg1 Nd7 38.Bc1 Nf8 39.Kf1 Ne6 40.Ke1 c5 41.dxc5 N6xc5 42.Be3 Nd3+ 43.Ke2 Nxe5** 3.60/17
[43...Nxc3+-+ -2.62/22 and all is fine. 44.Kd2 Nb1+ *(44...Nxa2 45.e6∓; 44...Nxe5?* perishes. *45.Bd4+-)* 45.Ke2 Nxa3 *(45...Nc3+? 46.Kd2-+)*]

(Diagram)



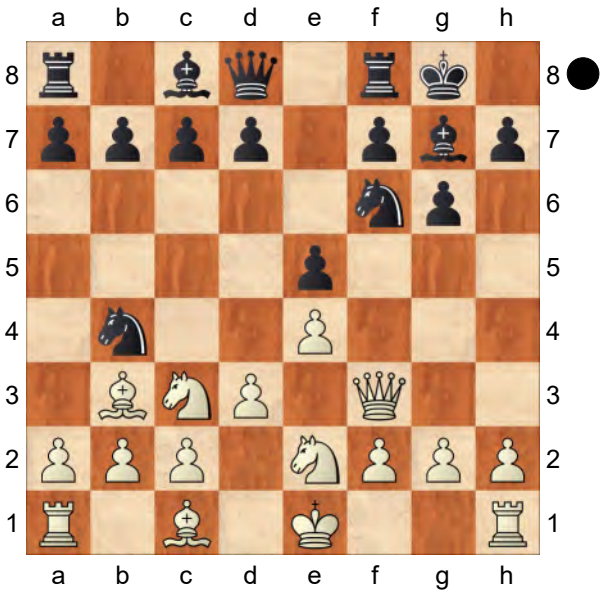
44.Bd4+- Bf7 45.Bxe5+ Kg6 46.Bd4 Nd6? 8.61/20
[46...a4 3.42/24 47.Ke3 Be6]
47.Rf6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.48
1-0

C20

□ **Pranav,V** **2632**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2418**
Titled Tue 4th Jun Early (10) 04.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Georgios Souleidis: 'Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate.' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0** ...Nd4 would now be deadly. **7.d3 Nb4N**
[7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7
Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N,N]

8.Bb3



Black has an edge. **8...d5** 0.21/24
9.exd5= next a3 is good for White.
9...Bg4 10.Qg3 a3 is the strong threat.
10...Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nfxd5 0.47/22
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12.0-0 Nc6 13.Qf3 Nb6 14.c3 Qd7 15.h4 Rad8 1.27/20
[Black should play 15...h6 0.78/23]
16.Bg5± Ne7 1.96/21
[16...Rc8± 1.23/21]
17.h5+-
[17.Qxb7?! a5±]
17...c6 18.h6 Bh8 19.d4 1.30/18 **exd4** 2.40/20
[19...Rde8± 1.30/18]
20.Nxd4 c5 3.27/23
[20...Bxd4 2.26/22 was worth a try.
21.Rad1 Pin *(21.cxd4 Nbd5+-)*
21...Rde8 22.Rxd4 *(22.cxd4 Qf5±)*
22...Qf5]
21.Ne2 1.39/22
[21.Rfe1+- 3.27/23 Rde8 22.Bf6]
21...c4 Threatens to win with ...f6!
22.Rad1 White is more active. **22...Qc7**
23.Bc2 f6 2.85/22
[⌓23...Qe5 1.79/20]
24.Bf4 Qc8 25.Be4 Rxd1? 3.79/19

[25...Rd7 2.17/21 keeps fighting. 26.Rxd7 Qxd7]
26.Rxd1 Rd8 Black is weak on the dark squares **27.Rxd8+**
[27.Bxb7? Rxd1+ 28.Kh2 Qd7-+]
27...Qxd8 28.Bxb7 g5? 4.09/21
[28...f5 2.43/19 29.g4 Qd1+ 30.Kg2 Qd7 31.gxf5 gxf5]
29.Bg3? 0.72/19 This pair of bishops is nice.
[29.Be3+- 4.09/21 is more deadly.]
29...f5± 30.Qh5↑ White has good play.
30...Ng6 1.88/21
[30...Qd1+± 0.63/24 31.Kh2 Kf8]
31.f4!+-
[31.Nd4 Bxd4 32.cxd4 f4 33.Bxf4 *(33.Bh2? Qe7-+)* 33...gxf4= *(33...Nxf4 34.Qg4∓)*]
31...Bf6 3.19/21
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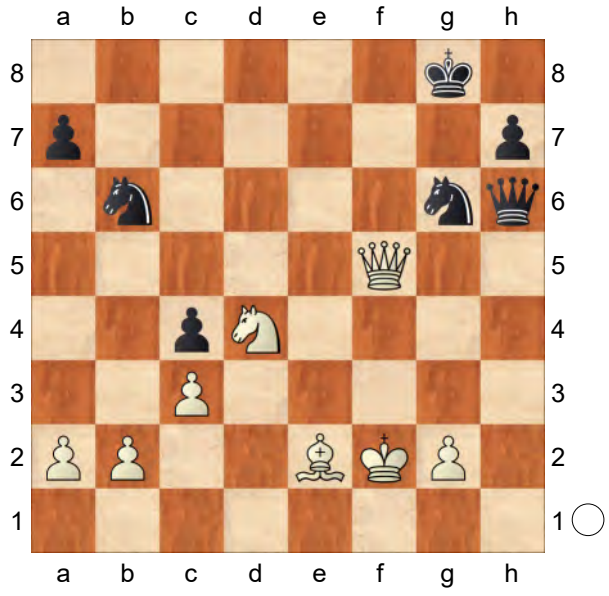

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41.Qxc4?+- 1.14/17 Endgame. KQN-KQN
[41.Qd8++- 3.85/18 Kf7 42.Qc7+ Ne7 43.Qxc4+ Ke8 44.Qb5+ Kf8 45.Qb7 Qd2+ 46.Ne2]
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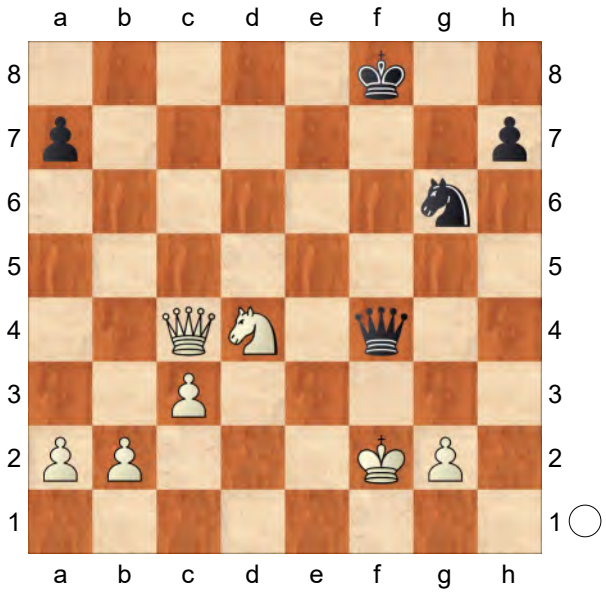
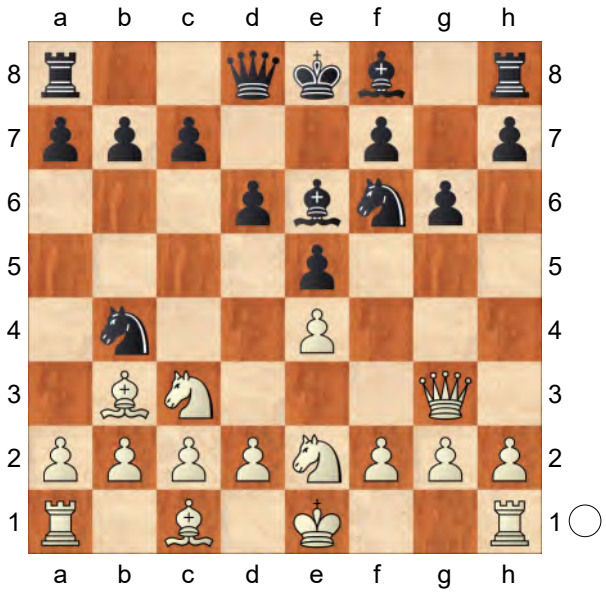


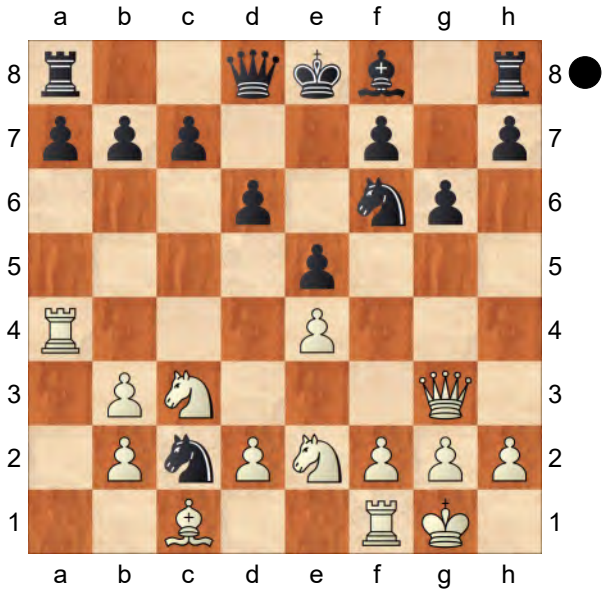
42.Kg1 0.07/19
[42.Ke2!± 1.12/25 And now Ne6+ would win. Qe4+ 43.Kd1 Qb1+ 44.Kd2 Qxb2+ 45.Nc2]
42...Qc1+? 5.49/20 White stays focused until the end.
[42...Qe3+= 0.07/19 and Black stays safe. 43.Kf1 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Qxb2+ 45.Kg3 Qb8+ 46.Kh3 Qe5]
43.Qf1++- White is clearly winning.
43...Qxf1+ 44.Kxf1 KN-KN **44...Ke7 45.Nc6+ Kd6 46.Nxa7 Kc5 47.a4 Ne7 48.Ke2 Kb6 49.Nb5 Ka5 50.b3 h5 51.Kf3 Ng6 52.Ke4 Nh4 53.g3 Ng2 54.Nd4 Ne1 55.Ke3 Kb6 56.Ke2 Ng2 57.Kf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.57
1-0

C20
□ **Pranav,V** **2632**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2618**
Titled Tue 11. Jun Early (11) 11.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Inf 95/(215) **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 d6 6.Nbc3N**
[6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 *(7.a3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Nxe4* Qh5-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou *)* 7...Na5 *(7...Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0* Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005 *)* 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 Qh5-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou]
6...Bg4 7.Qg3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Black is slightly better. **8...Be6**



White must now prevent ...Bxb3. **9.0-0** -0.56/26
[9.Ba4+!= -0.13/22 Bd7 10.Bb3]
9...Bxb3 Remove Defender **10.axb3** -1.41/24
[10.cxb3∓ -0.58/25 Bg7 11.d3]
10...Nxc2 11.Ra4



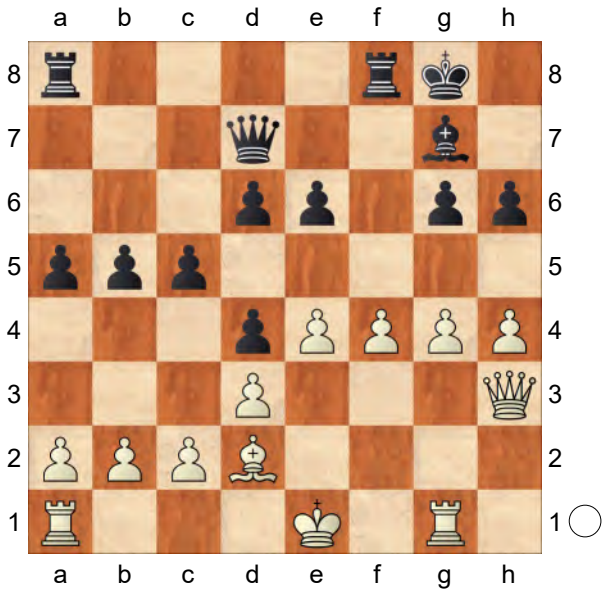
c6! 12.f4 b5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nxb5 cxb5 15.Qxe5+ Be7 16.Qxb5+ Qd7 17.Qa6 Nh5? 1.12/20
[17...Rb8∓ -1.55/21 ...Nb4 is the strong threat. 18.d4 *(18.Rxf6? Nb4-+)* 18...Nb4 *(18...Nxe4 19.Qc4∓; 18...Rxb3 19.Rxf6 Nb4 20.Qc4=)* 19.Qxa7 Qxa7 20.Rxa7 Nxe4]
18.Qc4± Wards off Nb4 **18...Rc8** Dodges d4 **19.Qxf7+ Kd8** aiming for ... Rf8. **20.d4 Rf8 21.Qxh7 Nf6** 1.76/19
[21...Rxf1+± 0.91/20 22.Kxf1 Qe6]
22.Qxg6 0.63/18
[White should try 22.Qh6+- 1.76/19 Qg4 23.Nc3]
22...Rg8± 23.Qf7 0.33/22
[23.Qh6± 0.77/20 Rc6 24.Qd2 *(24.Bg5? Qg4-+)*]
23...Qg4? 2.45/22
[Black should play 23...Rxg2+!± 0.33/22 24.Kxg2 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 *(25.Ng3 Ne1+ 26.Rxe1 Rc2+=)* 25...Qxe2 26.Rxf6 Qxe4+ 27.Rf3 Ne1 Pin 28.Rxa7 *(28.Qg8+ Kd7=)* 28...Qxf3+ 29.Qxf3 Nxf3]

24.Nf4+- And now Ne6+ would win.
[24.Rxf6? Qxg2#]
24...Rc7? 5.73/19
[24...Rc6 2.92/18 is a better defense.]
25.e5 Ne8 26.g3 Hoping for Qd5+.
26...Kc8 27.Qd5 Kb8 Dodges Qa8+
28.Ra5 Rb5+ would kill now. **28...Qd7** 7.50/18
[28...Rb7 3.53/18 29.Rb5 Rb6]
29.Rb5+ Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.45
1-0

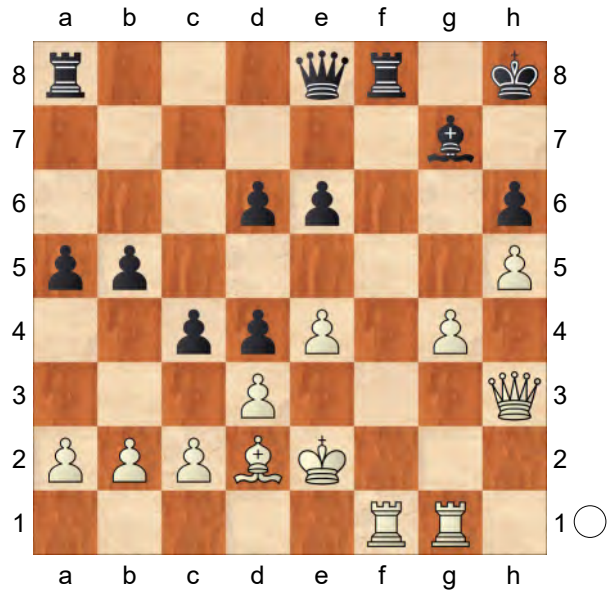
C20

□ **Pranav,V** **2632**
■ **Leyva Proenza,Richard** **2333**
Titled Tue 4. Jun Early (8) 04.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0-0 7.d3 h6N**
[7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Seidman-N, N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
8.g4 The position is equal. **8...Nd4!**
9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Bb3 d6 13.h4 -0.27/21
[⌓13.Bd2 0.10/19]
13...Be6 0.09/20
[13...d5 -0.27/21 was preferrable.]
14.Bd2= a5 15.Qh3 -0.33/20
[15.Qg2± 0.37/18]
15...Qd7 0.18/19
[15...d5∓ -0.33/20 16.exd5 Bxd5]
16.Bxe6 fxe6 0.75/19
[16...Qxe6= 0.26/22 17.g5 h5]
17.f4± b5 1.51/17
[⌓17...c5 0.96/20]
18.Rg1 0.98/18
[⌓18.0-0-0 1.51/17]
18...c5



19.f5 0.36/20 **Qf7** 0.87/18
[Black should try 19...exf5± 0.36/20 20.gxf5 Rf6]
20.Ke2 -0.04/19
[20.Bf4± 0.87/18]
20...Kh8 0.67/18
[Black should play 20...exf5= -0.04/19 21.gxf5 gxf5]
21.Raf1± Threatens to win with f6!
21...c4? 3.73/17
[21...gxf5± 0.60/19 22.gxf5 Qh5+ 23.Qg4 Qxg4+ Remove Defender 24.Rxg4 exf5 25.exf5 *(25.Rxf5 Rxf5 26.exf5 Re8+ 27.Kd1 Rf8±)* 25...Rf6]
22.fxg6? 0.54/20
[22.f6!+- 3.73/17]
22...Qxg6 23.h5 Some like it hot
23...Qe8 1.60/21
[Better is 23...Qh7!± 0.45/16]



24.g5 0.18/21
[Only move: 24.Rxf8+!± 1.60/21 Bxf8 25.Kd1 *(25.g5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Bg7±)*]
24...Rxf1= 25.Rxf1 And now e5 would win. **25...hxg5 26.Bxg5** aiming for Bf6.
26...Be5 0.98/17
[26...Rc8= 0.30/17 remains equal.]
27.Bf6+± Bxf6? 4.19/15
[27...Kh7± 1.50/19]
28.Rxf6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **28...Ra7**
29.Rxe6 Qf7 6.37/18
[29...Qf8 3.58/16 30.Qg3 Rg7 31.Rh6+ *(31.Qxd6? Rg2+* Skewer *32.Ke1 Qf2+ 33.Kd1 Rg1#)* 31...Kg8]
30.Rh6+ Kg7 31.Rg6+ Kh7 32.Qg3
[32.Rxd6 Qf4 33.Rxd4 c3 34.bxc3 Rg7]
32...Re7 8.08/21
[⌓32...Qf8 5.19/17 33.dxc4 *(33.Qxd6 Qxd6 34.Rxd6 c3+-; 33.Rxd6 Rg7+-)* 33...Re7]
33.Qg5+- Re5 34.Qh6#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.86
1-0

C20
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2615**
■ **Ehlvest,Jaan** **2614**
Minneapolis HB Global op (8) 22.05.05
[Ftacnik,Lubomir]

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...f5
A) 5.exf5 Nd4 6.Qg3± *(6.Qe4! d6)* 6...d5 *(6...Qf6)* 7.fxg6 dxc4 8.g7 Bxg7± 9.Qxg7 Qf6 10.Qxf6 Nxf6 11.Na3± Bf5;
B) 5.Ne2 Nf6 6.d3 d6± 7.Nbc3 f4 8.h3 g5]
5.Ne2 d6
[5...Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 *(7.h3)* 7...Bg4± *(7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6)* 8.Qg3! Qd7 9.f3 Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3
A) 12...Na5 13.Bb3 *(13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.0-0-0± Nc6 15.g4 Nf6 16.g5 hxg5 17.Qxg5± Qf7 18.Qg2 0-0-0 19.Rdg1 Bh6)* 13...Nxb3 14.axb3 c5 15.0-0 a6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5= 0-0 18.b4 cxb4 19.Qxb4 f5±;
B) 12...Ne7 13.0-0-0± d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bc5 Bf6 17.Qe4 0-0-0
B1) 18.Bxa7 Bg5+ 19.f4 *(19.Kb1 Nhf6 20.Qxe5 Rhe8±)* 19...Nhxf4= 20.Nxf4 f5± 21.Qe1 Bxf4+ 22.Kb1 Qa4;
B2) 18.Kb1+- Kb8 *(18...Bg5)*]
6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 Be6
[7...0-0]
8.Bb3 h6
[8...0-0+- 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 *(10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3± d5)* 10...Bxf6]
9.Be3 Bxb3
[9...d5]
10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Na3 Kh7

13.b4 a6
[13...Re8 14.b5 Nd4]
14.c3 Qd7 15.Ng3! This must be a good move as white exchanges his challenged knight on a4 for the good piece on d7. **15...Rad8 16.Nc2 Qe6 17.Qe2 Rfe8 18.Rad1 Rd7 19.Bc1** Limited number of light pieces will make it very difficult for black to get compensation for the sacrificed pawn.
19...Red8 20.Rfe1 Ng8
[20...dxe4 21.dxe4 Qb3]
21.f4 exf4 22.Bxf4 Nf6
[22...d4 23.c4]
[22...dxe4 23.Nxe4]
23.e5 Ng8 24.d4?! Not really a bad move, but exchange of the bishops on d5 looks even more convincing. **24...f6 25.exf6 Qxe2 26.Rxe2 Nxf6 27.Ne1 a5**
[27...Re8 28.Rxe8 Nxe8 29.Nd3 g5 *(29...Nd6 30.Re1)* 30.Be5]
28.bxa5 Nxa5 29.Nd3 Rf7 30.Rde1
[30.Ne5 Re7!= 31.Ra1]
30...Ng8 31.Nh1 Nc4 32.Nhf2 Rdf8 33.Bh2 c6 Ehlvest si fighting like a lion and white will have to work hard in order to win the rook endgame. **34.Nc5 Ra8 35.Nfd3 Ra2 36.Rb1**
[36.Ne6]
36...Nf6! 37.Nb4 Ra8 38.Rbe1 Ng8 39.b3 Nb6 40.Nbd3 Ra3 41.Rb1
[41.Ne5+- Re7]
41...Nc8 42.Na4
[42.Be5]
42...Nf6 43.Kh1
[43.Bf4 Ne4+- 44.Rc2 b5 45.Bc1 bxa4 46.Bxa3 Nxc3]
43...Ne4!? The endgame should be lost as the weakness of a5 pawn seriously ties down black pieces. **44.Rc2 g5 45.Nac5 Ncd6 46.Ne6**
[46.Be5]
46...Nb5 47.Nxg7 Rxg7 48.Be5 Rf7 49.c4 dxc4 50.bxc4 Nxd4 51.Bxd4 The rook would love to land on d5, but black can organize enough counterplay to prevent it. **51...Rxd3 52.Be5 Re7 53.Bh2 Kg6 54.Rcb2 Rc3 55.Rxb7**
[55.Rxb7 Rxb7?? A terrible slip of attention, it was of course natural to exchange the last black pawn and win with the pair of own marching peasants. 56.Rxb7 Rxc4 57.g4 *(57.Be5 Kf5)* 57...h5 *(57...Rc1+ 58.Kg2 Rc2+? 59.Kf3-+)*]
½-½

C20
□ **Liang,Awonder 2613**
■ **Nihal,Sarin 2648**
chess.com Junior Speed blitz (3.26)
[Kosten,Tony]

MH: 'C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves' RR: 'Inf 95/(215)' **1.e4** MH **1...e5 2.Qh5!?** This ridiculous-looking beginner's move is not as bad as you might think! It has actually been played by a lot of very. very strong players in particular Nakamura, but also Carlsen, Rapport, Fedoseev, Sevian, etc. It has had a few names over the years, Parham Attack seems to be the most common but maybe Nakamura Attack would be the most appropriate. **2...Nc6** The most natural, defending e5 while developing.
[I've tried 2...Nf6!? a few times in quick games, offering a pawn for a lead in development, 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Nc3 *(4.Qg3 0-0 5.e5* can be met by *Ne4 6.Qe3 d5)* 4...Nc6 5.Qg3 0-0 6.e5 this looks strongest, although it is unplayed, *(6.d3?*

is the most common, but *Nd4!* is awkward.*; 6.Be2 d5 7.d3 Re8)* 6...Nh5 7.Qf3 g6 with good play.]

[2...d6 is also good, and Black keeps the option of playing ...c6-c6 followed by ...b7-b5 or ...d6-d5. 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.h3 c6 planning ...d6-d6 or ...b7-b5.]

3.Bc4 Threatening Scholar's Mate!

[3.Qf3 MH Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas, J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/ 308 Santa Clara 1995]

3...g6 Stopping the threat but also gaining a tempo to fianchetto the bishop.

[3...Qe7 is sometimes played, 4.Nc3 Nf6

A) 5.Qf3?! Nd4 6.Qd1 *(6.Qd3? c6 7.Nf3* Tuktamisova,D (1615)-Golubas,E (1169) Kishinev 2022, 1-0 (42), *d5! 8.exd5? Bf5)* 6...c6 *(6...b5! 7.Nxb5 Qc5 8.Nxd4 Qxc4)* 7.d3 b5 8.Bb3 a5 Manigk,S (2236)-Kiesekamp,M (2306) Germany 2017, 0-1 (41).;

B) 5.Qd1 d6 6.Nge2 Be6 7.d3 Cahen,A (2140)-Postny,E (2605) Europe Echecs INT 2020, 0-1 (54), Nxe4!? 8.Bxe6 Nxc3 9.Bxf7+ Qxf7 10.Nxc3 0-0-0 and ...d6-d5 with a clear plus.]

[3...Qf6 4.Nc3 Qg6?! is not very good, 5.Qxg6 hxg6 6.Nb5 Bd6 Fedoseev,V (2687)-Jumabayev,R (2637) Chess.com INT 2021, 0-1 (100), 7.Nf3 with a clear advantage.]

4.Qf3 Nf6

[Jonathan Tait analyses 4...f5!? in 'A Disreputable Opening Repertoire', and it is also quite good.]

5.Ne2 d6 MH: 'N'

[I prefer to play 5...Bg7 myself, to keep the option of playing ...d7-d5 in one go, but it normally transposes,

A) 6.Nbc3 0-0 *(6...d6* MH *7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3* Repels Nb4 *0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7.d3 d6 8.h3 transposes below. Prevents Bg4. *(8.0-0* MH *h6 9.a3 Kh7 10.h3 Ng8 11.Qg3 f5 12.exf5! Bxf5 13.f4 Qd7 14.fxe5 Nxe5* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)*;

B) 6.c3?! -1.04/20 6.a3 -0.24 0-0 7.h3 -2.13/19 *(7.d3∓* -1.07/21 *)* 7...d5!-+ 8.exd5 e4 is close to winning.;

C) 6.d3 d6 7.Nbc3 *(7.h3* transposing to the game. *)* 7...Bg4 8.Qg3 Qd7 0.21/19 *(8...Nb4 9.Bb3 Be6* should be answered by. aiming for ...Bxb3. *10.a3! Bxb3* MH *11.axb4 Bxc2* next ...c6 is good for Black. *12.Ra3! a5 13.bxa5* Threatens to win with Kd2. *b5 14.axb6! c6* 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt*; ⌓8...Nb4* -0.20/23 *9.Kd1 Be6)* 9.f3= Be6 10.Bg5 Nakamura,H (2657)-Sasikiran,K (2642) Malmo/ Copenhagen 2005, 0-1 (87).]

6.h3 Not just to stop ...Bg4, but also to prepare g2-g4 and Ng3 with a kingside build-up. **6...Bg7 7.d3** A standard setup in this line. White will play Nbc3, Be3 or Bg5, and then 0-0-0 followed by g2-g4 and Ng3 with a kingside attack. transposing to the game. **7...h6N** An interesting waiting move.

[7...0-0 is usual, but does determine

Black's king position a bit early, 8.Nbc3 transposes below. Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 a6 11.g4 b5 12.Bd5 Bxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.h4 -0.81/24 *(15.d4*= -0.30/22 *)* 15...Qd7 *(15...Rc8 16.h5 g5! 17.Ng3 c6)* 16.h5 g5 17.Ng3 f5 18.gxf5 Nxf5 -0.10/21 *(18...Rab8∓* -0.53/20 *)* 19.Nxf5 -0.54/21 *(19.Qg4*= -0.10/21 *)* 19...Rxf5 more pleasant for Black, Bellahcene,B (2452)-Ollier,P (2365) Chess.com INT 2017, 1-0 (51).]

[7...Na5 exchanges the active bishop, but this shouldn't worry White too much, 8.Nbc3 Nxc4 *(8...0-0 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7* Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1 *)* 9.dxc4 Be6 10.b3 Nd7

A) 11.g4 -0.66/18 11.a4 -0.13 h5! *(11...h6* -0.03/19 11...h5 -0.58 would transpose to the game. *)* 12.g5 Nc5 *(12...0-0!?* now this is safe, *13.Be3 a6* so that *14.0-0-0?! b5!)* 13.Be3 c6 14.0-0-0 Qc7 15.Rd2 0-0-0 0.30/19 *(15...0-0∓* -0.52/18 *)* 16.Rhd1= b6 is level, Gallego Bergada,A (2177)-Voiteanu, C (2119) Calvia 2019, 1-0 (42).;

B) 11.Be3 0-0 0.05/19 *(11...a6!∓* -0.40/21 might be stronger. *)* 12.g4= f5?! 0.85/22 *(12...a6; 12...a6*= 0.01/20 *)* 13.gxf5± gxf5 14.exf5 Bxf5 Rouleau,J (2269)-Rogalski,T Washington DC 2003, 1-0 (34), 15.0-0-0 with play on the d-file and g-file and some advantage.]

[7...Nb4 8.Na3 *(8.Bb3 Be6 9.Na3 d5* Bonus Miscellaneous Openings-2. Qh5 #3 *)* 8...d5 9.exd5 Nbxd5 10.0-0 0-0 E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 2]

[7...Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0 Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005]

8.Nbc3 MH: 'Black has an edge.'. Black has an edge. **8...Na5** 0.19/21

[8...0-0 -0.31/23 MH: '∓' 9.g4

A) 9...Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 -1.08/19 *(11.Bd2∓* -0.42/20 *)* 11...g5∓ 12.Nd5? -3.19/19 Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Chess.com INT 2021, 0-1 (58), *(12.Bd2∓* -0.99/20 *)* 12...Nd4!-+ 13.Nxd4 exd4 and ...c7-c6 wins the knight.;

B) 9...Nd7 10.h4? -2.25/18 *(10.Qg2* first.*; 10.Qg2∓* -0.42/24 *)* 10...Nd4!-+ 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Ne5 winning the g4-pawn, Ider,B (2497)-Csonka,B (2424) Budapest 2017, 0-1 (42) .]

9.g4 -0.36/20

[9.Be3 Nxc4 *(9...c6!?)* 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Qe7 12.a4 -0.24/19 *(⌓12.0-0-0* 0.27/19 *)* 12...Nd7 0.37/18 *(12...c6*= -0.24/19 *)* 13.0-0-0 To,N (2347)-Grabarczyk,M (2408) Budapest 2018, Z-Z (65).]

[9.a4!= 0.19/21 MH]

9...Nxc4 MH: '∓'

[9...a6 0.21/19 9...Nxc4 -0.38 10.g5! hxg5 11.Bxg5 c6 Inhibits Nd5. 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.h4 -0.34/23 *(13.Bb3*= 0.27/21 *)* 13...Bg4 14.Qg2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Nxc4 16.dxc4 Qe6 17.b3 0-0-0 18.Nc3 Bh6 fairly equal, Abarca Gonzalez,N (2380)-Lazavik,D (2483) chess.com INT 2022, 1-0 (30).]

10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 0.04/23 would transpose to the game.

[11...a6 -0.38/22 intending ...b7-b5 is often a good idea to open some files on the queenside. intending ...b7-b5 is

often a good idea to open some files on the queenside. MH: '∓' MH: 'deserves consideration.']

12.h4!? A new move, and quite reasonable, although I think White should prefer to develop his pieces before playing this myself.

[12.Be3 a6 13.Ng3 Qh4 *(13...c6)* 14.Nf5!? gxf5 15.gxf5 0-0-0 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.0-0-0 Rdf8 18.Qg4 Abarca Gonzalez,N (2413)-Vlachos,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2021, 1-0 (68), when Qe7 should be a little better for Black because of his pressure on the f-file.]

[12.Ng3 Qe7 0.22/20 *(12...Bf6* -0.19/19 feels stronger. *)* 13.h4 c6 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.Qe2 Kb8 0.40/21 *(15...h5*= -0.03/21 *)* 16.f3 Bf6 17.h5 Bh4 18.Bf2 -0.17/19 *(⌓18.Qh2* 0.24/21 *Bxg3+ 19.Qxg3)* 18...Bxg3?! 1.02/17 *(18...Bg5!; 18...Bg5*= -0.17/19 *)* 19.Bxg3± g5 20.0-0-0 with some advantage, Nakamura,H (2745)-Ongut, T (2242) Chess.com INT 2019, 1-0 (74), although he could just as easily castled kingside here, too.]

12...Nf6!?

[12...h5!? 13.gxh5! Rxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6! 15.Ng3 Rh8 is fine for Black, but then this makes me wonder if ...h7-h6 is not just a waste of a move.]

13.g5 Nh5 0.38/22 This obviously stops White from further advancing his h-pawn, but the knight is a bit offside here.

[13...Nd7! -0.24/22 MH: '=!' 14.Be3 h5 closes the kingside and would allow Black to castle short with confidence.]

[13...Nd7= -0.08/21]

14.Be3± MH: '±' **14...hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2?!** 0.00/25 This move allows the black knight to come back into play.

[17.Rdg1 and I prefer White.]

[17.Bxa7± 0.51/22 MH Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 *(18...Bg4* 1.75/20 18...exf4 0.57 *19.Qd3!±)* 19.Bd4! Rxh1 1.47/22 *(19...Bg4 20.Qg2!=; ⌓19...Bg4* 0.84/23 *20.Qg2 Rxh1 21.Qxh1 Rh8 22.Bxg7 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 c6)* 20.Qxh1]

[17.Rhg1± 0.45/24]

17...Nf4!= MH: '=' **18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3?!** -0.86/21

[19.Nd5 0.00/22 MH: '=' MH: 'keeps the balance.' Bxd5 20.cxd5 Be5 21.Qf3 is equal.]

[19.Nxf4?? -3.67/18 19.Nd5 0.00 Bxc3]

[19.Nd5= 0.00/20]

19...Qe7 -0.09/23

[MH: 'Better is' 19...Qc6! -1.02/24 activates the queen and plans ...Qc5 and then ...Qe5, with advantage. activates the queen and plans ...Qc5 and then ...Qe5, with advantage. MH: '∓!']

[Black should try 19...Qc6∓ -0.86/21]

20.Kb2?! -1.20/21 An ugly move, voluntarily walking into a pin.

[20.Nd5 0.00/21 MH: '=' MH: 'remains equal.' Bxd5 21.cxd5 is level.]

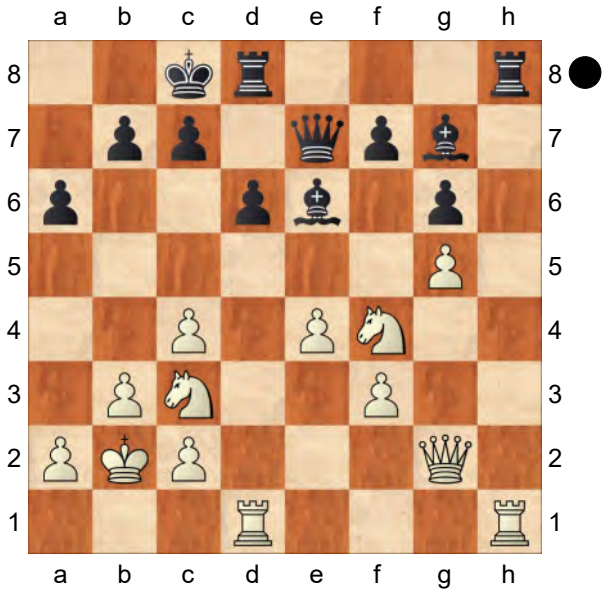
[20.Nd5= -0.09/23 keeps the balance. Bxd5 21.cxd5]

20...a6 -0.46/22 MH: 'Black is more active.'

[MH: 'Black should play' 20...Be5! -1.16/20 protects f4, protects f4, MH: '∓' 21.Nc1 *(21.Rdg1* MH *Rxh1 22.Rxh1 f6)* 21...f6 22.gxf6 -2.56/19 *(22.Nd3∓* -1.15/19 *Bxc3+ 23.Kxc3 fxg5 24.Qf2)* 22...Qxf6-+ ...Rxh1 would now be deadly. 23.Qd2 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 g5 the black bishops dominate the board.]

[20...Be5∓ -1.20/21 21.Rdg1 b6]

21.Nxf4∓



MH: '∓' **21...Bxc4!** And now ...Rxh1 would win. **22.Qd2?** -1.75/20 MH: '

[22.bxc4 -0.49/22 MH: '∓' Bxc3+

A) 23.Kxc3 Nd5 is the strong threat. Qe5+ forks the king and knight. 24.Kb3 -1.41/17 MH *(24.Kd3!∓ -0.67/18 Qxf4 25.Kc3)* 24...Qxf4∓;

B) 23.Kb3! Hoping for Nd5. 23...Bg7 (-> ...Qe5) 24.Nd5]

[22.Rxh8∓ -0.48/23 Rxh8 23.bxc4 Bxc3+ 24.Kb3 *(24.Kxc3?* perishes. *Qe5+ 25.Kd3 Qxf4-+)*]

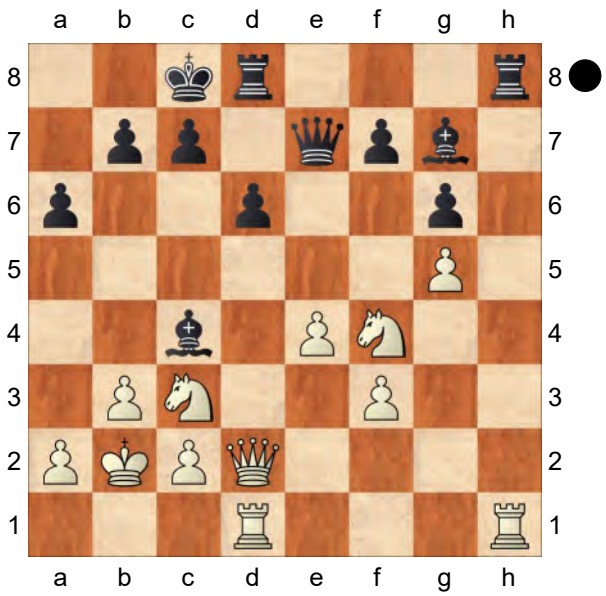
(Diagram)

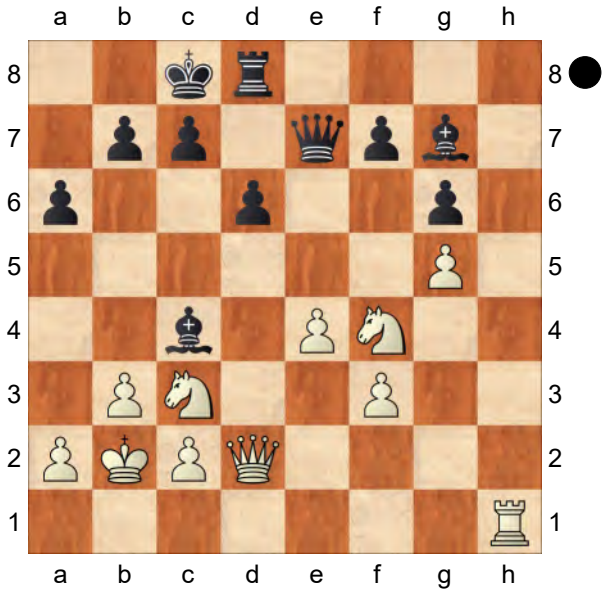
' **22...Be6** -1.23/21 MH: 'A strong pair of Bishops.'. This pair of bishops is nice.

[22...Rxh1! -1.88/25 MH: '-+!' 23.Rxh1

(Diagram)

Qxg5! 24.bxc4 Be5 wins the f4-knight. *(24...Bxc3+?* 2.28/18 24...Be5 -1.80 MH *25.Kxc3*





Black must now prevent Nd5. *Qf6+ 26.Kb3+-)*]

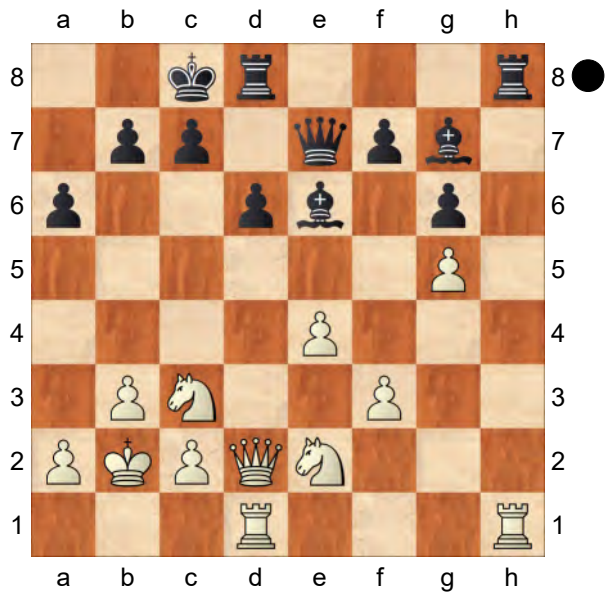
[22...Rxh1!-+ -1.75/20 23.Rxh1 Qxg5 24.bxc4 Be5 *(24...Bxc3+? 25.Kxc3 Qf6+ 26.Kb3+-)*]

23.Nfe2 -2.44/18 MH: '

[23.Nd3 -1.18/25 MH: '∓' MH: 'keeps fighting.' d5]

[23.Nd3∓ -1.23/21]

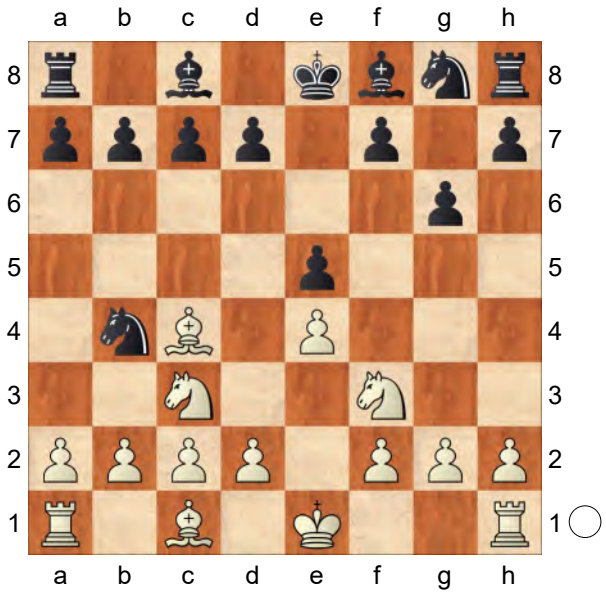
(Diagram)



' **23...Rxh1!-+** MH: '-+!' **24.Rxh1 d5!** MH: '...d4 would now be deadly.'
25.exd5 -3.59/22
[25.Rh7 -2.16/19 MH dxe4 Discovered Attack 26.Qe3 Bxc3+ 27.Nxc3]
[25.Rh7 -2.17/19 keeps fighting. dxe4 26.Qe3 Bxc3+ 27.Nxc3]
25...Bxd5 MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.26 (precise) .
Mistake: White=7 Black=6
Inaccurate: White=1 ---
OK: White=5 Black=5
Best: --- Black=2
Strong: --- Black=1'.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.21 (precise)
[Don't play 25...Rxd5 26.Qe3-+]
0-1

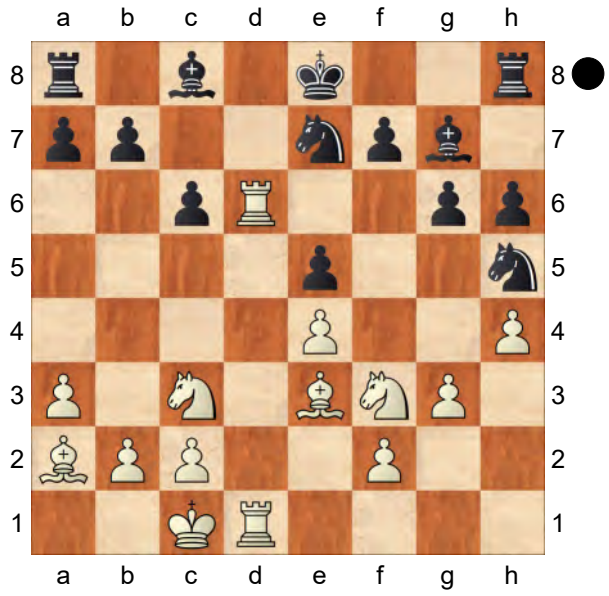
C20
□ **BulletCoach** **2609**
■ **Zayats71** **2703**
Blitz 03.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Qf6N
[4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
[4...Bh6 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]
5.Nc3 Qxf3 0.64/21
[Black should play 5...Nd4= -0.30/19 6.Qd1 Qg5]
6.Nxf3± Black must now prevent Nb5.
6...Nb4 1.27/20
[6...Be7± 0.54/17]



7.Bb3 0.58/21
[Don't play 7.Nxe5 Nxc2+ 8.Kd1 Nxa1]

[Better is 7.Nb5!± 1.27/20 Nxc2+ 8.Kd1 Nxa1 9.Nxc7+ *(9.Nxe5 Rb8=)* 9...Ke7 10.Nxa8]
7...Bg7 8.a3 White is slightly better.
8...Na6 9.d3
[9.Ng5!? Nh6□ 10.d3±]
9...Nc5 10.Ba2 c6 1.17/21
[10...Ne6± 0.55/19]
11.h4 0.54/17
[11.Be3± 1.17/21 Ne6 12.0-0-0]
11...h6 1.60/20
[11...d6± 0.54/17]
12.Be3↑ Keeping Black busy. **12...Ne6**
13.0-0-0 0.74/21
[13.Bxe6+- 1.77/20 and the rest is easy. dxe6 14.a4]
13...d6 14.d4 Ne7 1.67/23
[14...Nxd4± 0.61/24 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bxd4 Be5]
15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Rd6 White is much more active. **16...Nf4 17.g3 Nh5** 2.33/20
[17...Ne6± 1.45/21 18.h5 g5]
18.Rhd1? -0.61/20
[18.Rg1+- 2.33/20]



18...Bg4∓ 19.Nh2 -1.12/19 **Bxd1∓ 20.Rxd1 Rd8** -0.12/20
[20...f5∓ -0.97/20]
21.Rxd8+=
[21.Bxa7 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Nf6∓]
21...Kxd8 22.Bxf7 Nf6 23.Bxa7 Rf8 0.34/23
[23...Nc8= -0.16/21 24.Bc5 Nd7]
24.Bc4 b5 25.Bd3
[25.Bb6+ Kd7 26.Bd3 Nc8=]
25...Kd7 26.Bc5 Ke6 0.99/19
White leaves nothing to chance now.
[26...g5± 0.63/21]
27.Bf1± g5 2.17/24
[27...Kf7± 1.01/19]
28.Bh3++- This pair of bishops is nice.
28...Kf7 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Nf3 g4? 3.40/21
[30...Nh7 1.78/18 31.Kd2 Ra8]
31.Nxe5+ Ke8 32.Nxg4 Rh8 33.Nxf6+ Bxf6 34.Bg4 Bg5+ 35.f4 Rh1+ 36.Kd2 Rh2+ 37.Ne2 Bh6 38.Bg1 Rh1 39.Bf3 Rh3 40.Bg2 Rh5 5.22/19
[⌓40...Rxg3 3.67/17 41.Nxg3 Bxf4+ 42.Kd3 Bxg3]
41.Be3 White is clearly winning.
41...Rh2 42.Bf3 Ng6 43.Kd3 Rh3 44.e5 Ne7 45.b3 Rh2 46.Be4 Nd5 47.Bxd5 cxd5 Endgame. KRB-KBN
48.Nc3 d4 49.Bxd4 Rg2 50.Ne4 Bg7 51.a4 Kd7 52.axb5 Kc7 53.c4 Kb7 54.c5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.48
1-0

C20
□ **Lu,Shanglei** **2606**
■ **Li,Chao B** **2645**
CHN-chT Div-A (11.1) 08.07.2024
[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6**

[2...Nc6 3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 0-1 Caselas Cabanas,J-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]

3.Bc4 g6N

[3...Qd7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7 6.Qg5 Nxe4 7.Qxg7 Bf6 8.Bxf7+ Qxf7 9.Qxf7+ Kxf7 10.d3 Nc5 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Ng5+ Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Nc6 14.0-0 Rhg8 15.f4 Bf5 16.h4 e4 17.Nd5 exd3 18.Nxc7 0-1 Shefler (957)-Fernandez Hernandez,A (1117) 136/46 Batumi 2018 (1)]

4.Qf3 Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 White is slightly better. **8...Nxh6 9.Qe3** White is more active. **9...Ng4 10.Qf3** 0.13/23

[10.Qg3± 0.99/22 Nh6 11.h3]

10...Qxf3= 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 The position is equal. **13...Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 Nd7 20.Rb4 Rab8 21.Rc4 Rbc8 22.Rb4 Rb8 23.Rc4 Rbc8 24.Rb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless) .
Mistake: White=1 ---
Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=5 Black=6
½-½

C20
□ **hhcuuid** **2585**
■ **Gabrielian** **2694**
Blitz 04.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Inf 95/(215) **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 d6 6.Nbc3N**

[6.h3 Bg7 7.a3 *(7.d3 Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0* Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005 *)* 7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Nxe4 2. Qh5 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou]

6...Be7 0.30/21

[6...Bg7∓ -0.31/20]

7.d3 Be6 0.57/20

[7...Nb4= 0.06/22 8.Kd1 c6]

8.Bh6 White is slightly better. **8...Rg8 9.Nd5** Threatens to win with Nxe7. White is more active. **9...Bxd5** 1.25/19

[9...g5± 0.40/18]

10.exd5± Nb4 11.0-0-0 a3 is the strong threat. **11...c6 12.Nc3** 0.51/19

[12.dxc6!± 1.59/21 Nxc6 13.Bg5]

12...Qd7 2.15/18

[Black should try 12...Nbxd5!± 0.51/19 13.Nxd5 Nxd5]

13.a3? 0.17/19

[13.dxc6!+- 2.15/18 Nxc6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5]

13...Nbxd5= 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxd5 -0.28/20

[⌓15.Bb3 0.10/23]

15...Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Qc6 Repels d4

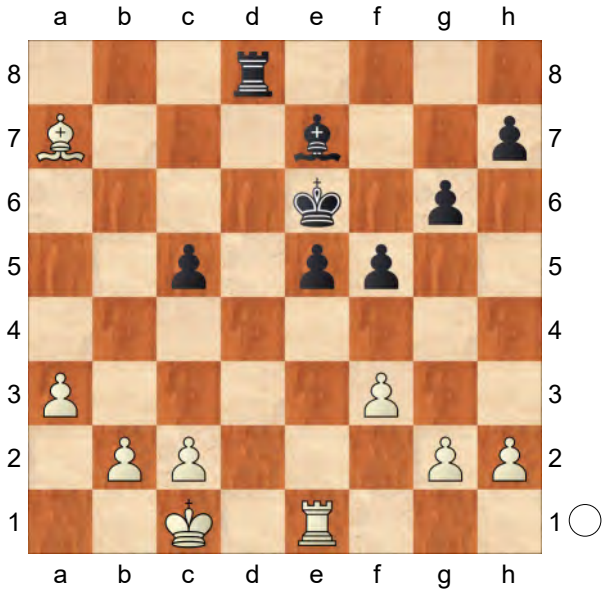
[16...g5!? 17.h4□ gxh4=]

17.Qxc6+ bxc6 18.Be3 f5 19.f3 Kf7 20.d4 Ke6 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Rhe1 Hoping for Bf4. **22...Rgd8?** 1.62/23

[22...g5!= 0.10/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

23.Rxd8+- Deflection **23...Rxd8**

24.Bxa7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **24...c5**



25.Bb6! Bg5+ 2.11/23

[25...Rd4± 1.32/18]

26.Kb1 Rd2 3.23/25

[26...Rd5 2.00/20 was necessary. 27.g3 *(27.a4 Kd6±)* 27...Kd6]

27.Bxc5 And now a4 would win.

27...Kd5 3.73/20

[27...Rxg2 2.28/19 might work better. 28.Rg1 Rxg1+ 29.Bxg1 Kd5]

28.b4 Rxg2

(Diagram)

29.a4! e4 30.fxe4+ fxe4 5.74/22

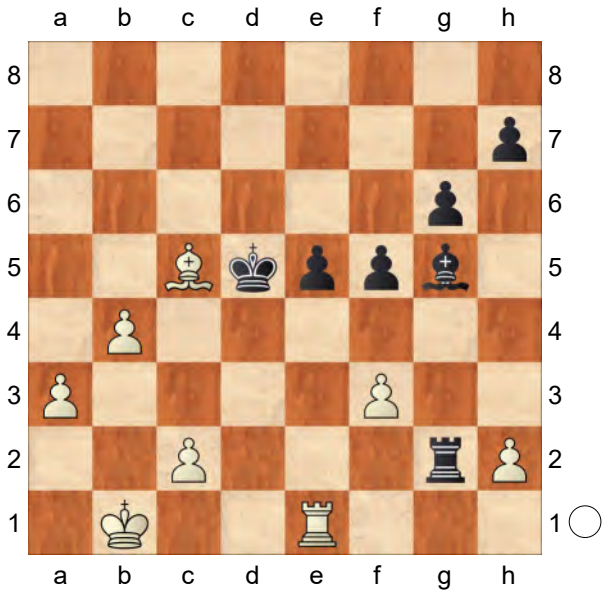
[30...Kc4 3.82/19 was worth a try. 31.a5 *(31.exf5 gxf5 32.Re8 Bf6+-)* 31...Kb5 32.exf5 Rxh2]

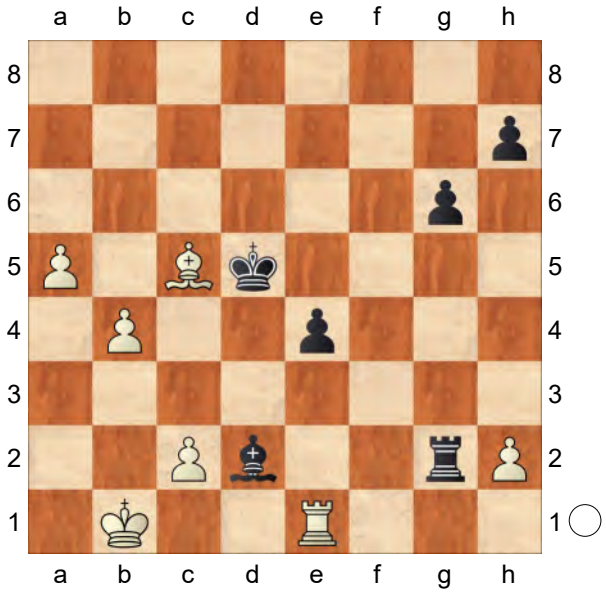
31.a5 White is clearly winning. **31...Bd2**

(Diagram)

32.a6! Bxe1 33.a7 Bc3 34.a8Q+

[34.a8B+? perishes. Ke5 35.Bc6 Rxh2-+]





34...Ke5 35.Qh8+ Kf5 36.Qxc3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.64

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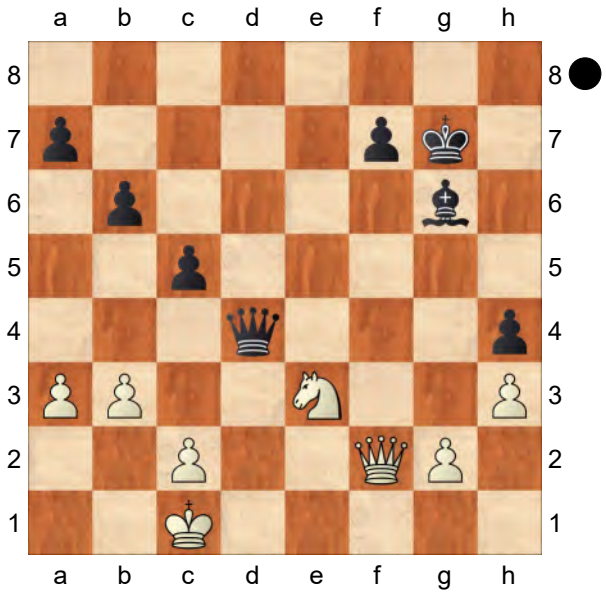
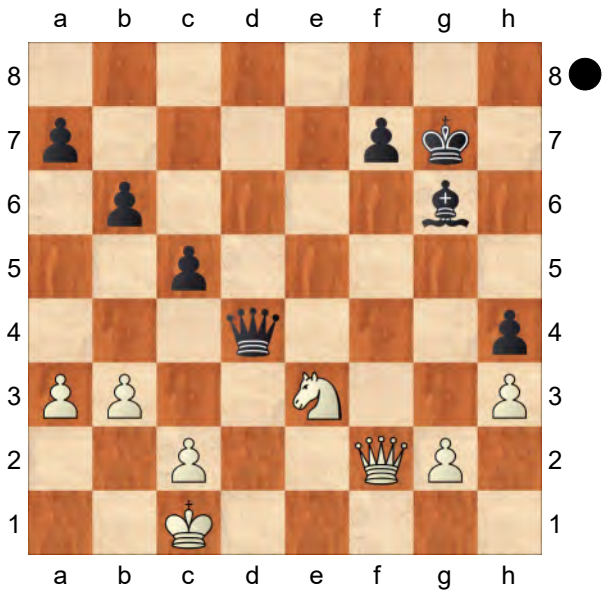
C20
□ **Savchenko,B** 2567
■ **Demchenko,A** 2592
Philippine Int Open 2015 (8.3) 13.11.2015
[MH]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0N**
[6...d6 7.Nbc3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt]
7.a3 d6 8.Nbc3 The position is equal.
8...Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Bg4 0.19/19
[10...Kh7∓ -0.33/22]
11.Qg3= Qd7 12.f3 Be6 13.0-0-0 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 And now Ndb5 would win. **17...Bc4** This pair of bishops is nice. **18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Bd4 Rfe8 20.Rd2 Rad8 21.Rhd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Be6** 0.57/22
[23...Qb6= 0.21/23 was preferrable. 24.Qf2 *(24.Rxc4 Qg1+ 25.Nd1 Rd8∓)* 24...Re1+ 25.Kd2 Re5]
24.Re4 0.00/24
[Better is 24.Qf4!± 0.57/22]
24...Bf5 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 Endgame. KQB-KQN **26.Qf2** Prevents Qe3+
26...Qe5 27.h3 b6 28.Qd2 g5 29.b3 Kg7 30.Kb1 Bg6 31.Nd5 h5
[31...c6 simplifies 32.Nc3 Kh7 33.Kb2 h5]
32.f4 gxf4 33.Nxf4 h4 34.Nd5 c5 ...Qd4 is the strong threat. **35.Ne3 Qd4 36.Qe1 Qe4 37.Qf2 Qd4 38.Kc1** -0.96/25
[38.g3= -0.08/27 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



38...Qa1+ -0.34/5 **39.Kd2∓ Qd4+ 40.Kc1** -1.25/23
[40.Ke1= -0.26/27 remains equal.]

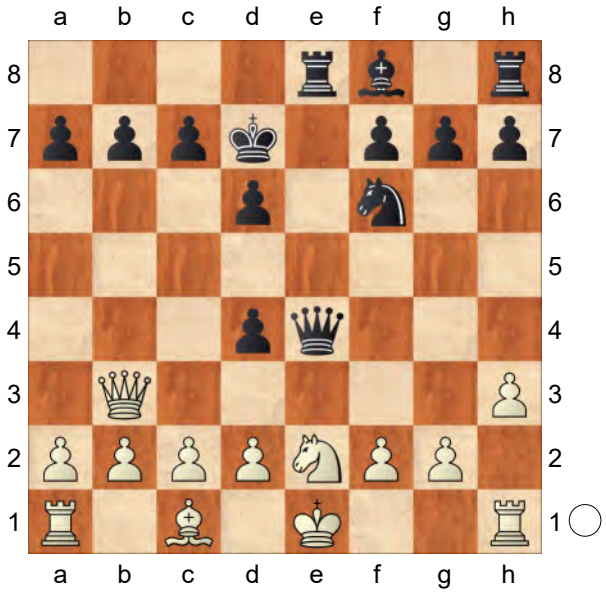


40...Qa1+ -0.31/5
[40...Qf6!∓ -1.25/23 41.Qe1 *(41.Qf3 Qa1+ 42.Kd2 Qxa3 43.Nf5+ Bxf5 44.Qxf5 Qa5+ 45.Ke2 Qb5+ 46.Kd1 Qc6)* 41...Qa1+ 42.Kd2 Qxe1+ *(42...Qxa3 43.Qxh4 Qa5+ 44.Ke2=)* 43.Kxe1 Kf6]
41.Kd2 Qd4+ 42.Ke2 Bh5+ 43.Ke1! Strongly threatening Nf5+. **43...Qa1+**

44.Kd2 Qd4+ Black has an edge.
45.Kc1 aiming for Nf5+. **45...Qa1+**
46.Kd2 Qd4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) . Mistake: White=3 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=13 Black=18 Best: White=3 --- Strong: White=1 ---
[Much worse is 46...Qxa3?!
A) 47.Qxh4 Qa5+ 48.Kd3 *(48.Kc1 Qa1+ 49.Kd2 Qe5=)* 48...Bg6+ 49.Ke2 Qc3=;
B) 47.Nf5+ Kg8
B1) 48.Qxh4 Qa5+ 49.Kc1 Qa1+ 50.Kd2 Qa5+ 51.Kd3 *(51.b4 Qxb4+ 52.Qxb4 cxb4=)* 51...c4+ 52.Ke4 Bg6=;
B2) 48.Nxh4=]
½-½

C20
□ **Paavo87** **2551**
■ **Muerto2014** **2528**
Blitz 20.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

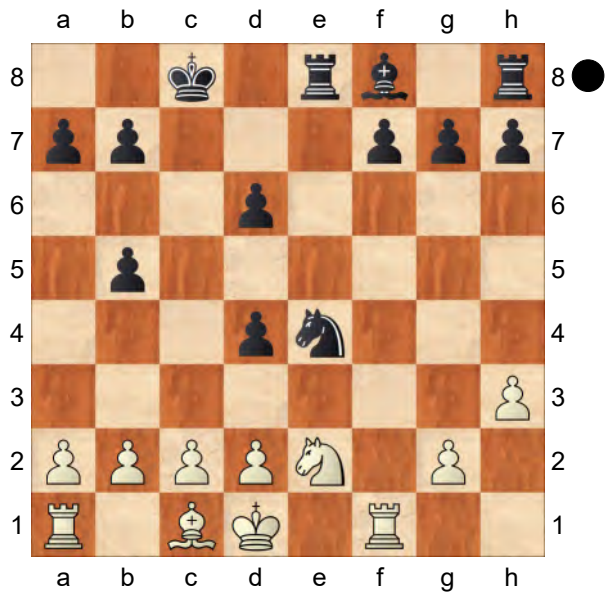
Blitz 3min C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 Qe7N
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
4.Ne2 Nf6 5.Qf3 d6 6.h3 -0.59/22 Repels Bg4
[White should play 6.Nbc3= 0.00/19]
6...Be6 7.Bb5 Bd7 -0.12/20
[7...d5∓ -0.49/19 8.Bxc6+ bxc6]
8.Nbc3= The position is equal. **8...Nd4** 0.39/24
[8...Nb4= -0.10/19 feels stronger. 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7]
9.Nxd4 -0.24/20
[9.Bxd7+± 0.39/24 Kxd7 10.Qd3]
9...exd4 10.Bxd7+ Kxd7 11.Ne2 Qxe4
[11...Nxe4?! 12.d3 Nc5 13.b4±]
12.Qb3 -3.56/20
[12.Qxe4= -0.26/19 and White stays safe. Nxe4 13.d3]
12...Re8-+
[12...Qxg2? 13.Qb5+ Kd8 14.Rg1 Qxh3 15.Qxb7-+]



Active counter play! **13.Qb5+ Kc8**
14.Kd1 c6
[Don't do 14...Qxg2 15.Qf5+ Kb8 16.Rg1-+]
15.f3 cxb5? -0.85/20
[15...Qg6-+ -4.15/22 16.Qd3 Qxg2]
16.fxe4∓ Nxe4 17.Rf1

(Diagram)

Against Nf2+ **17...d3! 18.cxd3 Nf6** -0.10/22



[Better is 18...Nc5∓ -0.80/23 19.d4 Ne6]

19.b3= d5 0.28/26

[19...Nd7 -0.14/24 was preferrable.]

20.Bb2 Bd6 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rxf6 Re6 23.Rxf7 -2.91/24

[23.Rc1+± 0.33/26 Kb8 24.Rxe6 *(24.Rxf7?* perishes. *Rhe8-+)* 24...fxe6 25.Nd4]

23...Rhe8-+ 24.Rc1+ Kb8 25.Nd4? -5.82/21

[25.Rf2 -3.57/22 was necessary. Bg3 26.Nxg3 *(26.Rf3? Rxe2 27.Rc5 Rxg2-+)* 26...Re1+ 27.Kc2 Rc8+ 28.Kb2 Rcxc1 *(28...Rexc1? 29.b4∓)* 29.b4]

25...Re1+ 26.Kc2 aiming for Rxe1.

26...Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Rexc1 28.Nxb5 R8c2#

Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.49

0-1

C20

□ **AAlmeidaTX** **2550**

■ **ChainsOfFantasia** **2729**

Blitz 20.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 e5

[2...Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Ne7 6.h4 b6 7.Nc3 d5 8.Qd1 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.c3 c5 12.Qd3 Nb8 13.h5 h6 14.Bd2 Nbc6 15.Nf4 Na5 16.0-0 Nec6 17.b3 1-0 (38) Flyckt Olsen,J (2615)-8.♕e2 ♗b4 9.0-0-0 (2640) I SC/8 corr 1978 (8)]

[2...c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.g3 d5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 b5 9.e5 Nd7 10.c3 Nb6 11.d4 b4 12.dxc5 Bxc5+ 13.Kh1 a5 14.Rd1 Ba6 15.Qe1 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Nb4 17.Ne4 (35) French Tarrasch-10.Nxd4 a6 11. Bb3 Qc7 Survey 2008]

3.Qh5N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Qb5 *(4.c3 d5 5.Qb5 dxe4 6.Nxe5 Qd6 7.d4 exd3 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qxd3 Nf6* C 00/06 2000 *)* 4...d6 5.Bc4 Bd7 6.Qb3 Qf6 7.0-0 Na5 8.Qc3 Nxc4 9.Qxc4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Qe6 11.Nd5 Bc6 12.d3 h6 13.Qb3 f5 14.Nb6+ axb6 15.Qxe6+]

3...Nc6 4.Bc4 g6 5.Qf3 Qf6 0.12/21

[5...Nf6∓ -0.35/20]

6.c3 Bc5 0.24/20

[6...Na5 -0.23/20 was preferrable. 7.Bb5 Bg7]

7.b4= Bb6 8.a4 a5 would now be deadly. White is slightly better. **8...a5**

9.b5 Nce7 10.Qe2 -0.12/23

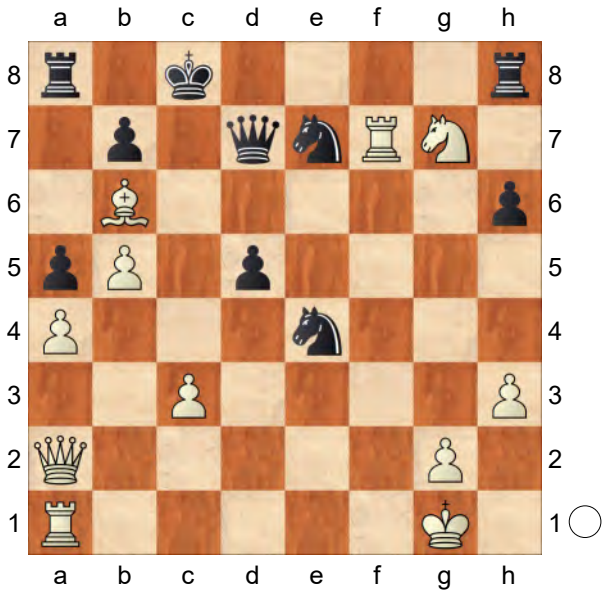
[10.Ba2± 0.45/19]

10...d6 11.d3

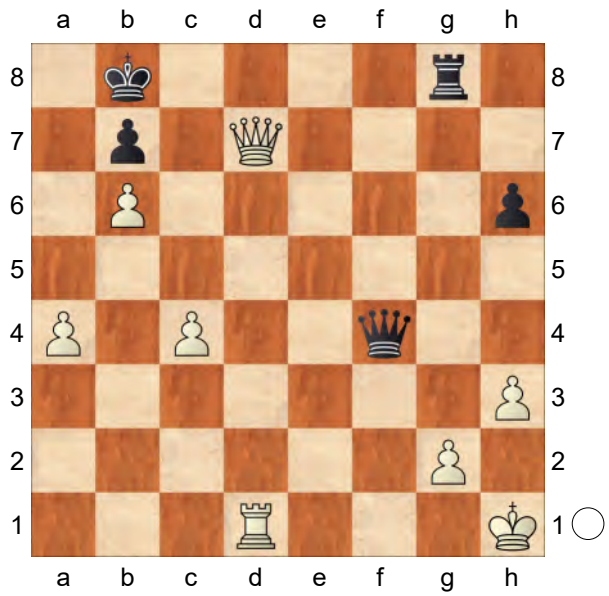
[11.d4 with more complications. exd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.Qxg4 Qxd4 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qf3+]
11...Be6 0.45/22
[Black should play 11...g5= -0.19/19]
12.Na3 h6 13.Nf3 Qg7 1.79/19
A mistake that costs the game.
[13...0-0-0± 0.31/21]
14.Bxe6+- fxe6 15.Nc4 Nf6 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.Be3 1.39/17
[White should try 17.Ba3+- 1.80/21 0-0-0 18.Qe3]
17...Nc8 2.25/20
[17...Nd7± 1.39/17 18.0-0 g5]
18.Qa2 Qe7 19.h3 Nd7 2.50/19
[19...g5 1.86/17 keeps fighting. 20.Nd2 Rg8]
20.0-0 Nc5 21.d4 exd4 22.Nxd4 g5? 3.90/18
[22...e5 2.05/20 might work better. 23.Ne2 g5]
23.f4 gxf4 24.Rxf4 Qd7 5.37/18
[⌓24...Na7 3.64/19 25.Raf1 0-0-0]
25.Rf6 Discovered Attack **25...Ne7**
26.Nxe6 Nxe4 8.83/19
[⌓26...Nxe6 4.72/16 27.Qxe6 *(27.Rxe6 0-0-0+-)* 27...Qxe6 Remove Defender 28.Rxe6 Kd7]
27.Ng7+ Kd8 28.Bxb6+ Kc8 29.Rf7 d5

(Diagram)

Dodges Qc4+ **30.Nf5!** Decoy **30...Re8**
[30...Nxf5 31.Rxd7]
31.Nxe7+ Remove Defender, Deflection
31...Rxe7 32.Rxe7 10.89/19
[⌓32.Rf8+ #29/17 Qe8 33.Rxe8+ Kd7 34.Rxe7+ *(34.Rxa8 Re5 35.Rd8+ Ke6 36.Re8+* Skewer, Deflection *Kf7 37.Rxe5 Kg7 38.Rxe4 h5 39.Qxd5 Kg6 40.Re6+ Kf7 41.Qd7+ Kg8 42.Re8#)*



34...Kxe7 35.Qxd5 *(35.Qa3+ Kd7+-)* 35...Ng5 36.Re1+ *(36.Qxb7+ Kf6 37.Rf1+ Kg6 38.Bd4 Rg8 39.Rf6+ Kh5 40.g4+* Deflection *Kh4 41.Rxh6+ Kg3 42.Be5#)* 36...Kf6 37.Bd4+ *(37.Qxb7 Rg8 38.Qc6+ Kg7 39.Re7+ Nf7 40.Bd4+* Deflection *Kh7 41.Rxf7+ Rg7 42.Rxg7+ Kh8 43.Qxh6#)* 37...Kg6 38.Re6+ *(38.Qxb7 Rf8 39.Qg7+ Kh5 40.Qxf8 Nh7 41.Re5+ Ng5 42.Qf7+ Kh4 43.Bf2#; 38.Qd6+ Kh5 39.g4+ Kh4 40.Bf2+ Kxh3 41.Qg3#)* 38...Kh5 39.Qf5 Kh4 40.Qg4#]
32...Qxe7 33.Qxd5 Re1 would kill now.
33...Qd6 34.Qc4+ Kd7 35.Qxe4 7.68/19
[⌓35.Qf7+ 20.61/20 Qe7 36.Rd1+ Nd6 37.Rxd6+ Kxd6 38.Bc5+ Skewer, Deflection Kxc5 39.Qxe7+ Kc4 40.Qxb7]
35...Qxb6+ Endgame. KQR-KQR
36.Kh1 White threatens Rd1+ and mate.
36...Rf8 37.Rd1+ Kc8 38.c4 Qf2 39.Qe5 Qf7 40.b6 Qc5+ is the strong threat. **40...Re8 41.Qxa5** White mates.
41...Qf4 42.Qb5 Rg8 43.Qd7+ Kb8
(Diagram)

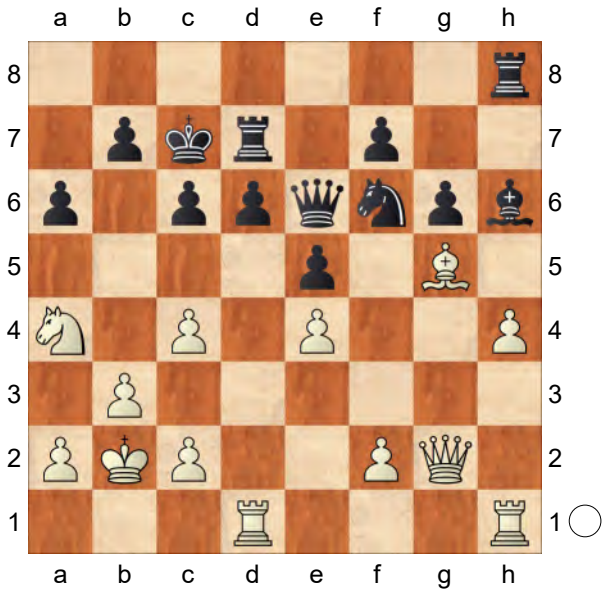


44.Qd8+!! Rxd8 45.Rxd8# Normal.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.73
1-0

C20

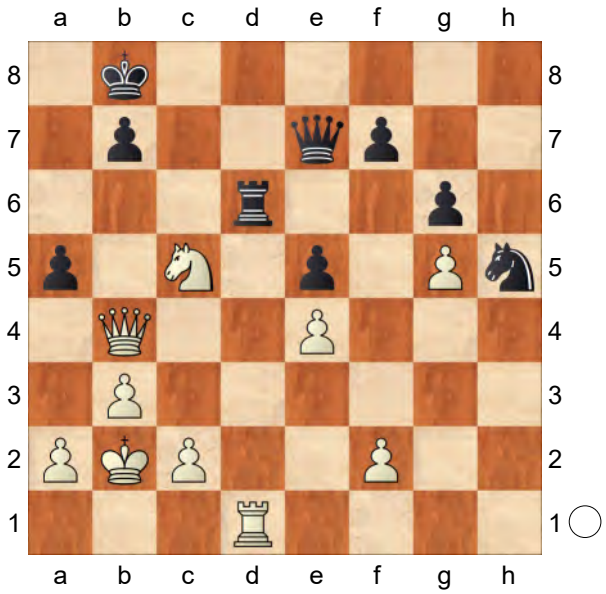
□ **Abarca Gonzalez,N** **2380**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2483**
Titled Tue 26th Apr Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.h3 Na5 8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...h6N** 0.16/19
[8...0-0∓ -0.38/21 9.0-0 *(9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8* Qh5-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou *)* 9...Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1]
9.g4 a6 0.30/21
[⌓9...Nxc4 -0.11/20 10.dxc4 h5]
10.g5!= hxg5 11.Bxg5 c6 Against Nd5
12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.h4 -0.34/23
[13.Bb3± 0.39/20]
13...Bg4 14.Qg2 Bxf6 is the strong threat. **14...Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Nxc4 16.dxc4 Qe6 17.b3 0-0-0 18.Nc3 Bh6 19.Kb2 Rd7** 0.42/23
[19...Bxg5= -0.12/18 20.hxg5 Rxh1 21.Rxh1 Nh5]
20.Na4± Strongly threatening Bxf6.
20...Kc7



21.Qf3 0.41/18 White is more active.
[White should try 21.f3!± 0.94/23]
21...Bxg5 22.hxg5 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 Nh5 24.Qc3 Kb8 0.76/20
[24...Qe7± 0.37/22 might be stronger.]
25.Rd1 Qe7? 2.16/27 This costs Black the game.
[Black should play 25...Nf4± 0.49/19]
26.c5 Black must now prevent cxd6.
26...Rd8 4.98/24
[26...d5 1.65/22 is more resistant.]
27.cxd6+- White is clearly winning.
27...Rxd6 28.Qb4
[Not 28.Qc5 Rd7 29.Nb6 Rc7 30.Qxe7 Rxe7+-]
28...c5 29.Nxc5 a5

(Diagram)

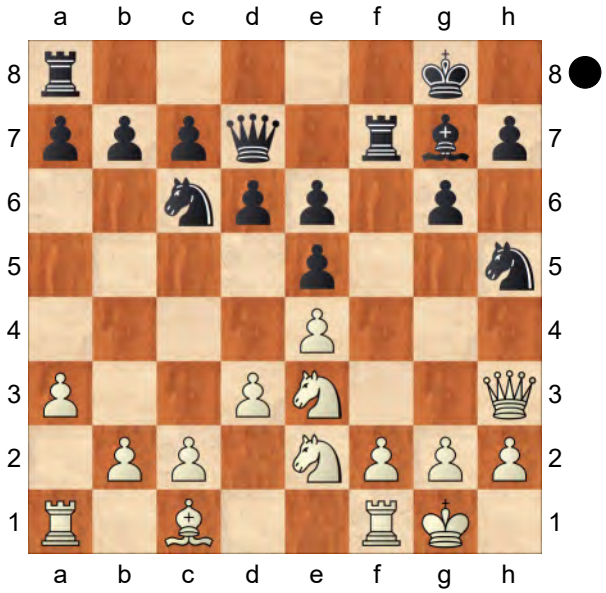


30.Na6+! Pin.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

C20

□ **Perunovic,Miodrag** **2373**
■ **Grigoriants,Sergey** **2544**
EU-ch Blitz Zagreb (9) 16.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

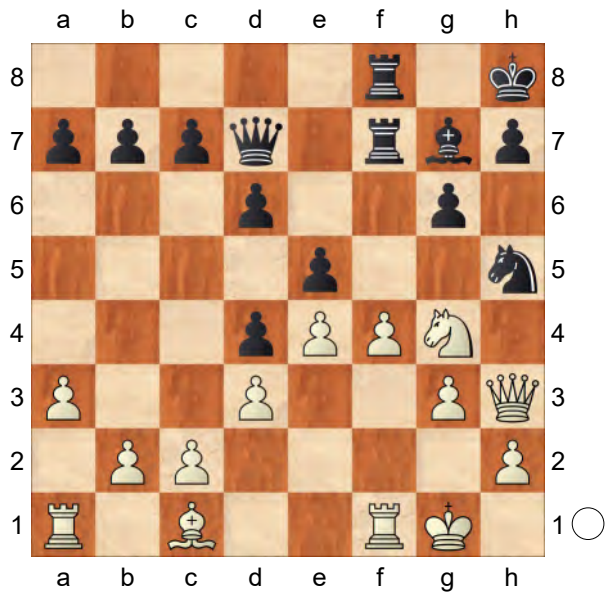
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Inf 95/(215) **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 d6 6.Nbc3N**
[6.h3 Bg7 7.a3 *(7.d3 Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0* Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005 *)* 7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Nxe4 2. Qh5 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou]
6...Be6 0.06/23
[6...Bg4∓ -0.34/20 7.Qe3 h5]
7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.d3 Black has an edge.
8...Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qh3 Qd7 11.a3 Wards off Nb4 **11...Nh5 12.Nd5** -0.77/19
[12.Bd2= -0.28/23]
12...Rf7∓ 13.Ne3



Nd4 -0.46/21
[13...Nf4!∓ -1.09/21 14.Nxf4 exf4]
14.Nxd4∓ exd4
[14...Nf4!? 15.Qf3 exd4∓]
15.Ng4 Kh8 0.45/22
[Black should play 15...Nf4!= -0.13/23 16.Nh6+ Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Raf8]
16.f4 0.06/22
[16.Nh6!± 0.45/22 Rff8 17.Bg5]
16...Raf8= 17.g3 e5

(Diagram)

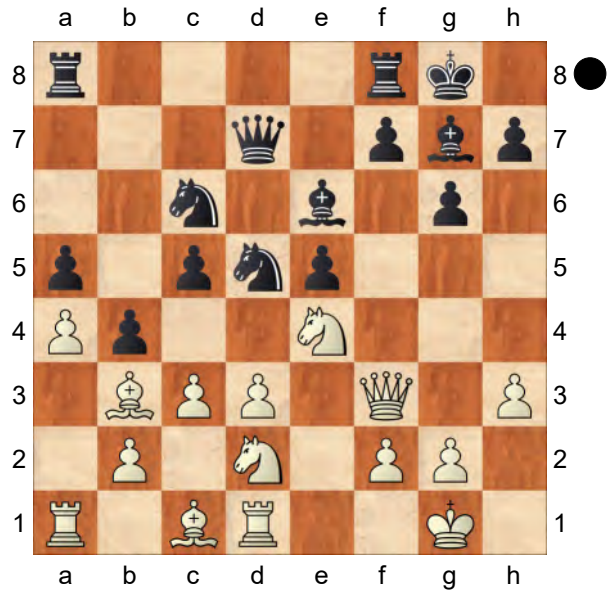
18.f5 gxf5 19.Nh6
[Worse is 19.Nf2 fxe4 20.Qxd7 Rxd7 21.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Kg8∓]
19...Bxh6 20.Bxh6 Ng7 21.exf5 -1.29/21
[21.Rf2= 0.13/21 remains equal.]
21...Rxf5∓ Black continues to play with concentration. **22.Rxf5** -1.71/19
[22.Qg2∓ -1.18/20 was necessary.]
22...Qxf5-+ 23.Qg2 c6 24.Re1 Qh5 25.Bd2 Ne6 26.c3 -3.03/20



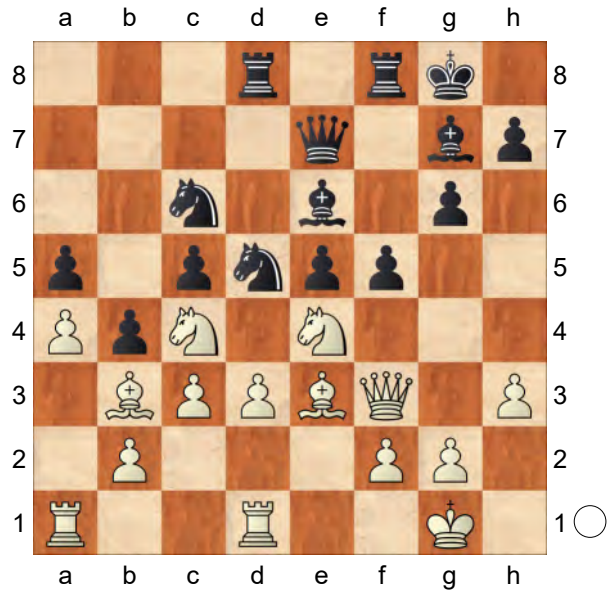
[26.a4∓ -1.57/19]
26...Qf5 White is weak on the light squares **27.Qe2 dxc3** -1.79/19
[⌓27...Kg7 -3.12/20 Hoping for ...b5. 28.Rf1 Qxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Kf6]
28.Bxc3 -2.98/22
[28.bxc3 -1.79/19 was the only defense. Rf6 29.Be3]
28...c5 29.b4 b6
[Resist 29...Ng5 30.Kh1-+]
30.bxc5 bxc5 31.Qe3? -4.35/19
[31.Kg2 -2.43/18]
31...Ng5 32.Kh1 Qf3+ 33.Qxf3 Rxf3
[Weaker is 33...Nxf3 34.Rb1=]
34.Bxe5+? -3.76/21
[34.Bd2 -2.16/22 Nh3 35.Be3 Nf2+ 36.Kg2 Nxd3 37.Kxf3 Nxe1+ 38.Ke4]
34...dxe5 35.Rxe5 Endgame. KRN-KR
35...h6 36.Rxc5 Rxd3 37.Ra5 Rd2 38.Rf5 Prevents Nf3. **38...Ra2 39.h4 Ne4 40.Rf3 Kg7 41.Re3 Nf6 42.Rb3?** -6.60/21
[42.Re7+ -3.67/19 Kg6 43.Rxa7]
42...Kg6 Black is clearly winning. **43.Kg1 h5 44.Kf1 a5 45.Rc3 Ne4 46.Rc6+ Kf5 47.Rh6 Nxg3+ 48.Ke1 Kg4**
49.Ra6 Rxa3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

C20
□ **Golubka,P** **2363**
■ **Koc,P** **2346**
Titled Tue 28th Feb Late blitz (7) 28.2.23
[Kitty Kat]

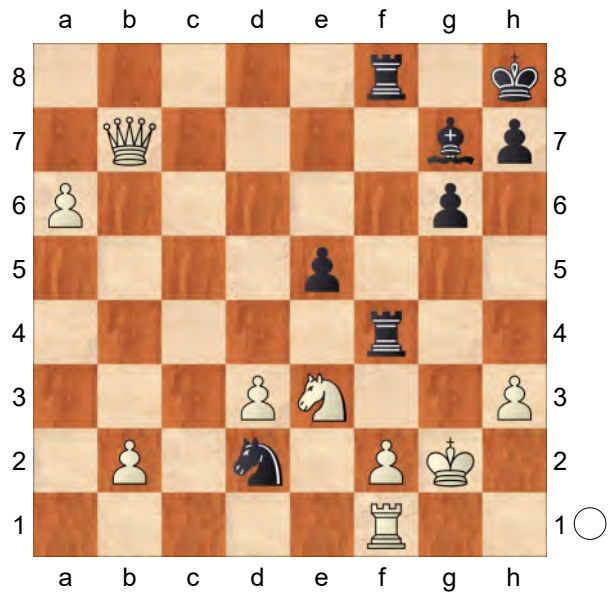
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.c3N
[5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 0-0 8.a3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6* E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 1 *)* 6...0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
5...Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Bb5+ Black is slightly better. **8...c6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bc2 0-0 11.Ne2 d5 12.Nd2 c5 13.Ng3 Nc6 14.0-0 a5** 0.01/23
[14...d4!∓ -0.67/20]
15.a4= b4 16.Bb3 -0.54/21
[16.exd5!= 0.04/21 Nxd5 17.Nge4]
16...Be6 0.00/21
[16...d4∓ -0.54/21 17.cxb4 Nxb4 *(17...axb4 18.Rb1±)*]
17.Rd1 -0.93/22
[17.exd5!= 0.00/21 Nxd5 18.Nge4]
17...Qd7 -0.46/20
[17...bxc3∓ -0.93/22 18.bxc3 d4 19.Bxe6 dxc3 *(19...fxe6 20.Qe2=)*]
18.exd5∓ Nxd5 19.Nge4 -0.94/20
[19.Nde4∓ -0.46/23 Nxc3 Discovered Attack 20.Nxc5]



19...Qe7 0.40/20
[19...bxc3!∓ -0.94/20 20.bxc3 Nxc3 21.Nxc3 Nd4]
20.Nc4 -1.03/24
[20.Bxd5± 0.40/20 Bxd5 21.Nf6+ Qxf6 22.Qxd5]
20...Rad8 21.Bg5 f6 22.Be3 f5? 1.29/24
[22...Nxe3∓ -0.73/22 and life is bright. 23.Qxe3 f5]



23.Nxc5? -1.48/21
[23.Bxc5?! fxe4=]
[23.Ng5!± 1.29/24 is forced if you want to stay better. Nxe6 would now be deadly. Kh8 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Nb6 *(25.Bxc5 bxc3 26.bxc3 e4±)*]
23...Nxe3?? 2.88/21 Black is on the road to losing.
[23...Bf7∓ -1.48/21 And now ...f4 would win. 24.Nb6 Nxe3 25.Bxf7+ *(25.Qxe3? f4-+)* 25...Rxf7 26.Qxc6 *(26.fxe3? Qxc5 27.Nc4 e4-+; 26.Qxe3? f4-+* Deflection *)* 26...Nxd1 27.Rxd1 bxc3 28.bxc3 Qe8 29.Qxe8+ Rxe8]
24.Nxe6+-
[24.Qxe3 f4 25.Nxe6 fxe3-+]
[24.Nxe3 Qxc5 25.Bxe6+ Kh8±]
[24.Qxc6 Bxc4 25.Bxc4+ Kh8 *(25...Nxc4? 26.dxc4 bxc3 27.bxc3±)* 26.fxe3 Rc8=]
24...Nxd1 25.Qxd1? 0.73/20
[25.Nxd8 Nxd8 26.Rxd1 *(26.Bxd1 Kh8±)* 26...Kh8 27.Nxa5 bxc3+-]
[25.Qxc6+- 3.25/21 and White stays clearly on top. Nxf2 26.Nxd8 *(26.Kxf2 Kh8+-)* 26...Qxd8 27.Nd6+ *(27.Kxf2 Kh8+-)* 27...Kh8 28.Kxf2]
25...Qxe6 3.64/21
[25...Kh8± 0.73/20 26.Nxf8 *(26.Nxd8 Rxd8 27.Ne3 Qc5±)* 26...Rxf8]
26.Ne3 Qxb3 27.Qxb3+ Kh8 28.Rd1 f4 29.Nc4 f3 30.Ne3 fxg2 31.Kxg2 Ne7 4.14/20
[⌓31...Rd6 2.92/18 32.Rd2 bxc3 33.bxc3 Rd7]
32.cxb4 axb4 33.Qxb4 Nc6 34.Qe4 Nd4 35.a5 Rf4 36.Qb7 Rdf8 37.Rf1 Nf3 4.94/21
[⌓37...R4f7 3.46/18 38.Qb4 Ra8]
38.a6 Nd2 6.13/21
[⌓38...Nh4+ 4.09/19 39.Kh1 e4]

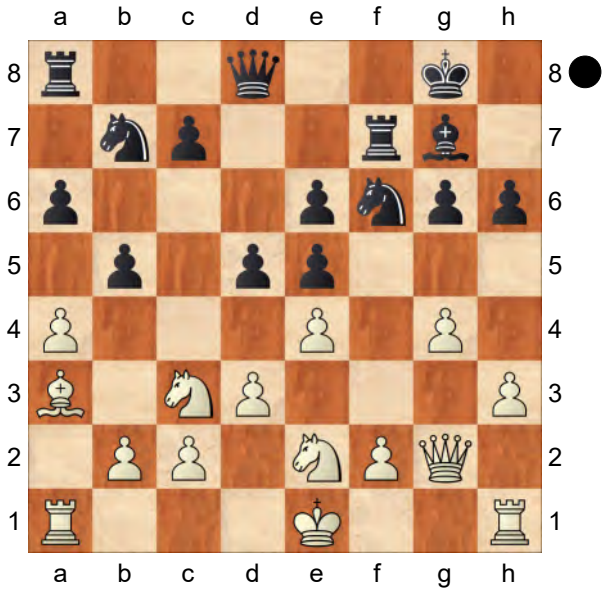


39.a7! White is clearly winning. **39...Nxf1 40.Kxf1**
[40.a8B Rxf2+ 41.Kg1 Nxe3 42.Qe4 Rf1+ *(42...Rxb2? 43.Qxe3 Rxa8 44.Qc1-+; 42...Rg2+? 43.Qxg2 Nxg2 44.Bxg2-+)* 43.Kh2 R8f2+ 44.Kg3 Nf5+]
40...Rxf2+ 41.Ke1 Bh6 42.Qe4
[42.a8B? Bxe3 43.d4 Bxd4-+ *(43...exd4? 44.Qe4-+)*]
42...Rxb2 6.43/20
[⌓42...Bxe3 4.53/18 43.Qxe3 *(43.a8B?* is the wrong capture. *Rf1+ 44.Ke2 Bd4-+)* 43...Rf1+ 44.Kd2 Kg8]
43.a8Q
[Worse is 43.a8B Bf4 44.Qf3 Kg7±]
43...Rb1+ 44.Ke2 Rb2+ 45.Kd1 Rb1+ 46.Kc2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.74
1-0

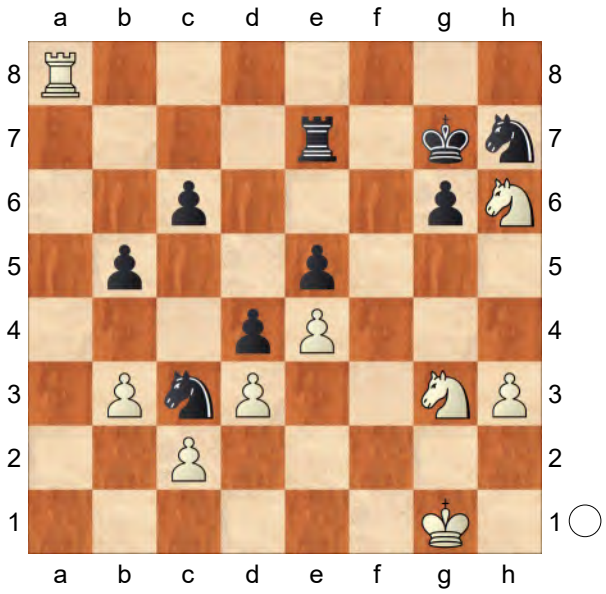
C20
□ **Lux,Hugo De Melo** **2311**
■ **Smirnov,Timofey** **2368**
Titled Tue 5th Dec Early blitz (1) 5.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0**
[6...d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 Be6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5 15.Rg1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 ½-½ (63) Carlsen, M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (7)]
7.Nbc3 d6
[7...Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Bxd5 1-0 Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18)]
8.h3N Black has an edge.
[8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N, N]
8...Be6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 a6 11.g4 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 0.52/22
[12...Nd7∓ -0.76/20]
13.Bxe6 -0.40/22
[13.g5!± 0.52/22 Nxb3 14.axb3 hxg5 15.Bxg5]
13...fxe6∓ 14.Qg2 d5 1.00/19
[14...Nd7∓ -0.39/22 stays ahead.]

15.Bc5? -0.75/22 White is more active.
[15.g5± 1.00/19 stays on course. hxg5 16.exd5 *(16.Qxg5 d4∓; 16.Bxg5 b4±)*]
15...Rf7∓ 16.a4 -1.77/23
[16.exd5∓ -0.61/22 exd5 17.h4]
16...Nb7 17.Ba3 -2.07/23
[17.g5∓ -1.53/23 hxg5 *(17...Nxc5? 18.gxf6 Rxf6 19.exd5∓)* 18.Be3]



17...c6 -0.80/22
[17...c5!-+ -2.07/23 has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ...b4. 18.axb5 axb5]
18.0-0 Bf8 0.19/27
[18...Nd7∓ -0.90/23]
19.Bxf8= Qxf8 20.axb5 axb5 21.g5 hxg5 22.Qxg5 Nd7 0.50/24
[22...Rxa1= 0.00/18 23.Rxa1 b4]
23.Ng3
[23.Qxg6+? Rg7-+]
23...Rg7 24.Rxa8 Qxa8 25.f4 exf4 26.Rxf4 -0.28/21
[26.Qxf4 0.15/25 might be stronger. d4 27.Nd1]
26...e5 0.08/24
[⌓26...Qa1+ -0.28/21 27.Kg2 Qxb2]
27.Rf1 d4 28.Nd1 Qd8 29.Qg4 Qe7 Wards off Qe6+ **30.Nf2 Nf6 31.Qg5 Nh7** 0.53/24
[31...Nd8= 0.00/22]
32.Qxe7± Rxe7 33.Ng4 Nc5 34.Ra1 Na4 1.17/23
[34...Kf7± 0.45/20]
35.b3± Nc3 2.02/23
[35...Nc5± 1.00/23 is a better defense.]
36.Ra8+ 0.65/23
[36.h4+- 2.02/23]
36...Kf7 2.01/23
[Black should play 36...Kg7± 0.65/23]
37.Nh6+ 1.12/18
[Better is 37.Rc8+- 2.01/23 Nf6 38.Nh6+ *(38.Rxc6 Nxg4 39.hxg4 Re6=)* 38...Kg7 39.Nhf5+ *(39.Rxc6 Ra7∓)* 39...gxf5 40.Nxf5+ *(40.Rxc6? fxe4 41.Nf5+ Kf7-+)* 40...Kf7 41.Nxe7 Kxe7 42.Rxc6]
37...Kg7 5.29/20
[37...Ke6± 1.12/18]



38.Nhf5+! White is clearly winning.
38...gxf5 39.Nxf5+ Kf6 40.Nxe7 Kxe7 41.Ra7+ Skewer **41...Kf6 42.Rxh7+-** Endgame. KR-KN **42...Ne2+ 43.Kf2 Nf4 44.Kf3 Ne6 45.Kg4 Kg6 46.Re7**

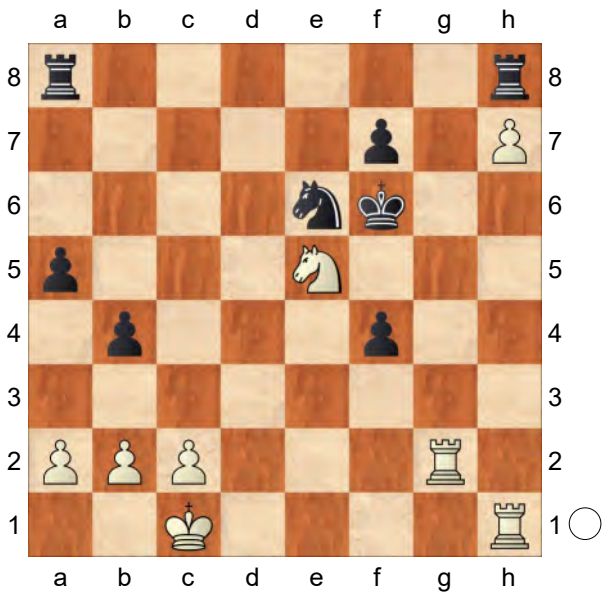
Nf4 47.Rxe5 Ne2 48.Rc5
Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.59
1-0

C20
□ **Gan Od,Sereenen** **2294**
■ **Hopman,P** **2347**
Nis Open 2019 (5.2) 29.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

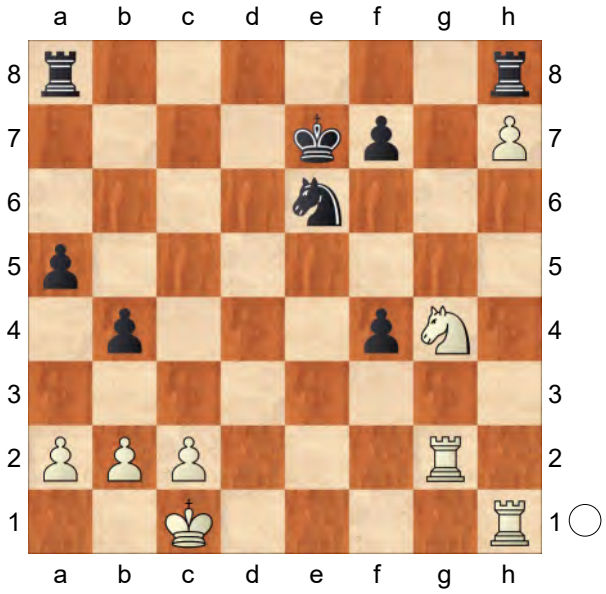
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Many times beginners, especially children, try to mate their oponnent with queen and bishop. I want to show how to prevent easily the so called scholar´s mate. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbc3 Na5N**
[7...d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7
Prevent Scholar´S Mate-N,N]
8.h3 Black is slightly better. **8...c6 9.g4** -1.04/24
[9.a4!= -0.18/22]
9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Nd1 d5 12.Ne3 dxe4 13.dxe4 Ba6 0.00/22
[13...Nxb3∓ -0.51/20 14.axb3 Be6]
14.Ng3 c5 0.22/20
[⌓14...Ne8 -0.22/23]
15.g5= Ne8 16.Bd5 Bb7 0.83/23
[16...Nc7= 0.00/24]
17.Bxb7± Nxb7 18.h4 Nbd6 19.Bd2 0.55/23
[19.Qg4± 1.00/22]
19...Nb5± 20.h5 Nd4 21.Qd1 -0.37/21
[21.Qg4± 0.92/20]
21...Ne6 1.03/21
[21...Qxg5∓ -0.37/21 keeps the upper hand. 22.a3 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Qd8]
22.Qg4!± And now hxg6 would win.
22...Qxg5 2.29/21
[22...N8c7!± 0.59/18]
23.hxg6+- Qxg4
[23...hxg6? 24.Nef5 Qd8 25.Qh3+-]
24.gxh7+ Kh8 25.Nxg4 Nd4 26.0-0-0 Nd6 27.Ne3 1.70/21
[⌓27.Bh6 3.64/20]
27...a5 2.29/21
[⌓27...Rab8 1.70/21 28.Ng4 Rbd8]
28.Nef5 1.11/19
[28.c3+- 2.29/21 Rac8 29.cxd4 cxd4+ 30.Kb1 dxe3 31.Bxe3]
28...Nxe4± Remove Defender, Deflection **29.Nxg7 Nxd2 30.Rxd2 Kxg7 31.Ne4** f4 is the strong threat.
31...Rh8 1.75/21
[31...Kh8± 1.04/21]
32.f4 0.48/19
[32.Nxc5 Rxh7 33.Rxh7+ Kxh7±]
[32.c3!+- 1.75/21 Ne6 33.Rd7]
32...exf4? 4.45/21
[32...Rxh7± 0.48/19 33.Rxh7+ Kxh7]
33.Nxc5 2.22/24
[⌓33.Rg2+ 4.45/21 Kf8 34.Rg8+ *(34.Nxc5 f3+-; 34.Nf6 Rd8±)* 34...Ke7 *(34...Rxg8? 35.h8Q+-)* 35.Rxa8 *(35.Nxc5? Raxg8 36.hxg8Q Rxg8∓)* 35...Rxa8 36.h8Q *(36.h8R Ra7+-)* 36...Rxh8 37.Rxh8]
33...Ne6 34.Rg2+ 1.57/18
[34.Rg1++- 2.81/22 Kf6 35.Nd7+ Ke7 36.Nb6]
34...Kf6 35.Nd7+ 1.45/20
[Better is 35.Rh6++- 1.87/24 Ke5 36.Re2+ Kf5 37.Nd7 *(37.Nxe6 fxe6 38.Rh5+ Kg6±)*]
35...Ke7 36.Ne5 White is more active.
36...Kf6

(Diagram)

37.Ng4+ 1.23/21



[White should play 37.Rh5!+- 1.69/21]
37...Ke7



38.Nh6 0.45/21
[38.Ne5!± 1.15/20]
38...Raf8? 2.67/21
[38...Rad8!± 0.45/21]
39.Ng8++- Kd6 40.Rh5
[Less strong is 40.Rd2+ Kc6=]
40...a4 2.96/23
[40...f5 1.84/19 keeps fighting.]
41.Rd2+ Kc6 42.Ne7+ Kb7 43.Rb5+ Ka6 44.Rxb4 Rd6+ would kill now.
44...Rxh7 45.Rd6+? 15.09/25
[45.b3 3.66/19 Rd8 46.Rxd8 *(46.Rxa4+ Kb7+-)* 46...Nxd8 47.Rxa4+ Kb6 48.Rxf4]
45...Ka7 White is clearly winning.
46.Nc6+ Ka6 47.Nd4+ 13.38/26
[⌓47.Rd5 8.16/20 Rh1+ 48.Kd2]
47...Ka7 48.Nc6+
[Inferior is 48.Nxe6 fxe6 49.Rxa4+ Kb7=]
48...Ka6 49.Nd4+ Ka5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.55
1-0

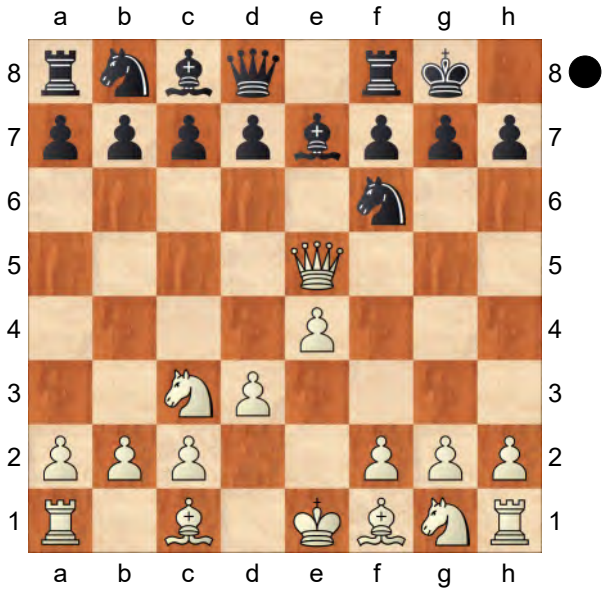
C20
□ **Punin,Andrii** **2289**
■ **Colville,Julian** **2127**
Titled Tue 26th Nov Early (4) 26.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Before moving on to Chapter Two, I'd like to share the following game. During the time I spent writing this book, I received the June 1998 issue of 'Northwest Chess', the monthly publication for the Washington and Oregon State Chess Federations, which reported on the 1998 National Elementary Championships that had been held in April. National Chess Master Carl Haessler, who has been successfully teaching chess to scholastic players for years, accompanied several of his students to the 1998 Nationals and shared their successes and sorrows. Carl's report featured the following game. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Nc3**
[4.Bc4 Nc6 5.Qf4 0-0 6.e5 Nxe5 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4 Ng4 9.h4 Ne5

10.h5 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qc3 Bf6 13.Qd3 Re8 14.h6 Bf5+ 15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6 Noble,D-Borngesser,A National Elementary Championships 1998]

4...0-0 5.d3N

[5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 1]



5...d5? 1.91/18 **6.Bd2?** -0.87/19

[6.exd5 Re8 7.Be2 Bb4=]

[6.Nxd5+- 1.91/18 Nxd5 7.Qxd5]

(Diagram)

6...d4 0.27/22

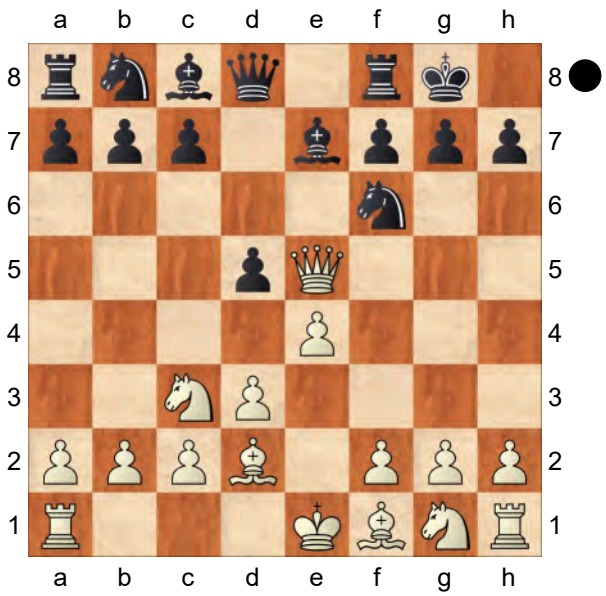
[6...Nc6!∓ -0.87/19 7.Qg3 b5]

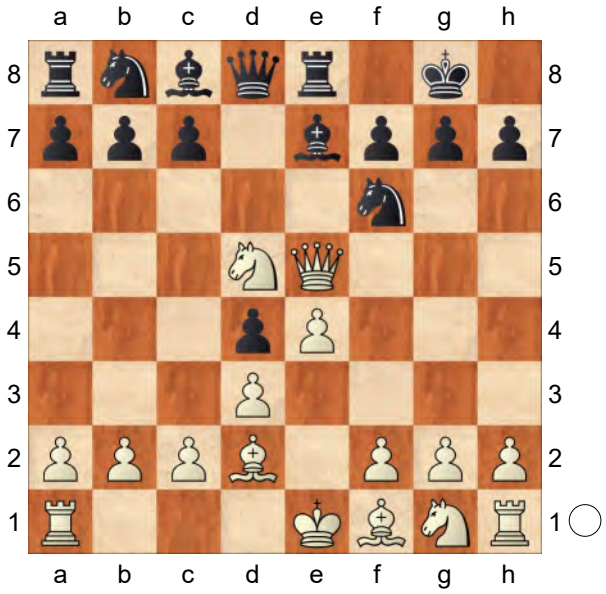
7.Nd5!= Re8 2.17/20

[7...Nxd5= 0.24/25 and Black is okay. 8.Qxd5 Qxd5 9.exd5 Rd8]

(Diagram)

Black cannot hold the game after this.





8.Nxe7+!+- White is clearly better.

[Much less strong is 8.Qxd4?! Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Qxd5 10.exd5 Ba3+ 11.Be2 Bxb2±]

[8.Nxc7? loses. Bd6 9.Qxd4 Qxc7-+]

8...Rxe7 9.Qg3 Nc6 10.Be2 Qe8 11.Nh3 Nxe4 12.dxe4 Rxe4 13.Nf4 d3 14.cxd3

[Don't do 14.Qxd3 Bf5+-]

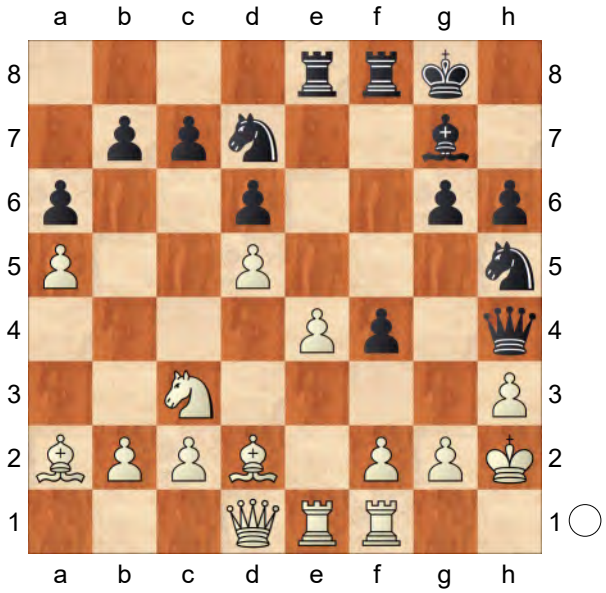
14...Re7 15.0-0 Nd4 16.Bd1 Bd7 17.Nd5 Nf6+ is the strong threat. White is clearly winning. **17...Kh8 18.Nxe7**

Qxe7 19.Bc3 Nf5 20.Qf4 Re8 21.Bg4 Nd6 22.Rae1 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Qg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.82
1-0

C20

□ **Punin,Andrii** **2289**
■ **Marn,Jan** **2344**
Titled Tue 1st Oct Early (6) 01.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

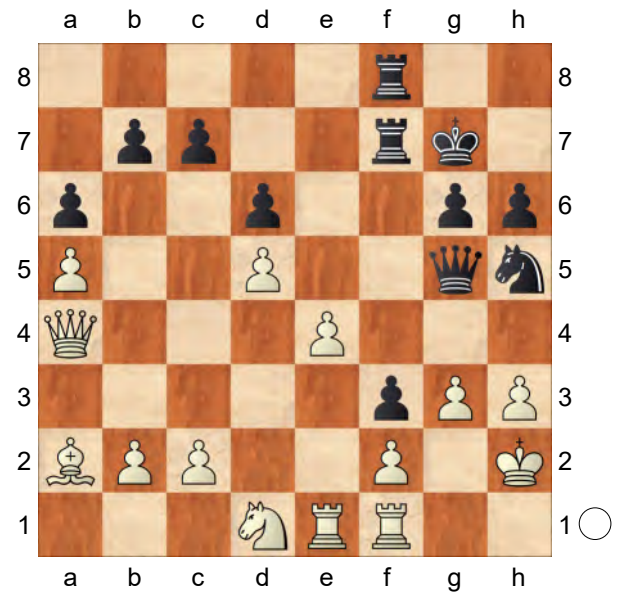
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6N
[6...0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
[6...d6 7.h3 Nb4 8.Bb3 Be6 9.Na3 d5 Bonus Miscellaneous Openings-2. Qh5 #3]
7.Nbc3 0-0 8.Bd2 The position is equal. **8...d6 9.h3 Be6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb8** 0.48/21
[12...e4= -0.19/22 13.Qe3 exd3 14.Qxd3 Ne5]
13.Nc3 Nbd7 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nh5 16.Rae1 f5 17.Qd1 Rae8 0.00/18
[17...b5∓ -0.36/21 18.Ba2 Kh7]
18.Ba2 -0.42/22
[18.b4= 0.00/18]
18...Qh4
[18...Qf7 simplifies 19.Bb3 Ndf6 20.Qf3 Nh7]
19.Kh2! e4 -0.08/23
[19...Nf4∓ -0.46/21]
20.dxe4 -0.80/24
[20.g3!= -0.08/23 remains equal. Qe7 *(20...Be5? 21.Ne2+-)* 21.f4 *(21.dxe4 f4=)*]
20...f4∓



White must now prevent ...f3! **21.Qg4 Qf6** 3.67/17 This costs Black the game.
[21...Qd8!= -0.09/19 and Black is okay.]
22.Qxd7+- f3 23.g3
[23.Qxc7 fxg2 24.f4 *(24.Qxb7?* loses. *gxf1N+ 25.Rxf1 Qf3-+; 24.Kxg2 Qf3+ 25.Kg1 Ng3)* 24...gxf1R *(24...gxf1B? 25.Rxf1 Qd4 26.Bc1-+)* 25.Rxf1 Qd4-+]
23...Re7 24.Qa4 Qe5 25.Nd1 Ref7 4.14/18
[⌓25...Nf4 2.95/17]
26.Bc3 Qg5 27.Bxg7 Kxg7

(Diagram)

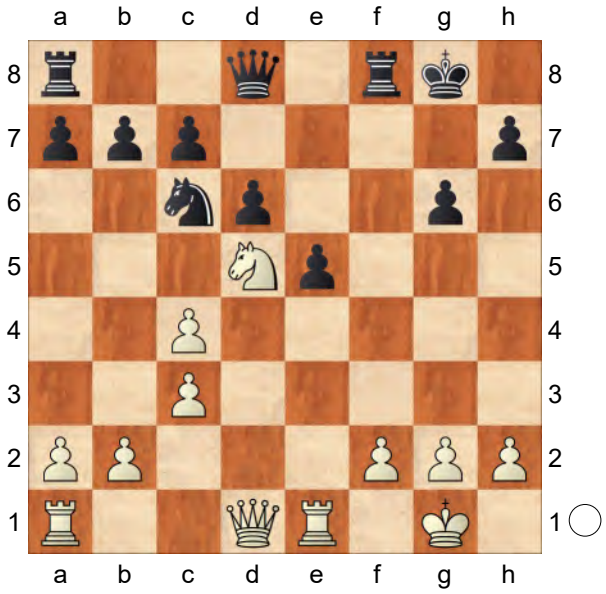
28.e5! Rf4
[28...dxe5 29.d6]
29.Re4
[29.gxf4? Qg2#]
29...dxe5 30.Rg1
[30.gxf4? Qg2#]
30...R4f7 31.Ne3 Nf6 32.Rb4 Rd7 33.Rxb7 e4 34.Qd4 Qh5 35.Ng4



Strongly threatening Nxf6. **35...Rd6** **36.Nxf6** White mates. **36...Rfxf6** **37.Rxc7+ Kg8 38.Qa7 Rf5 39.Rg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

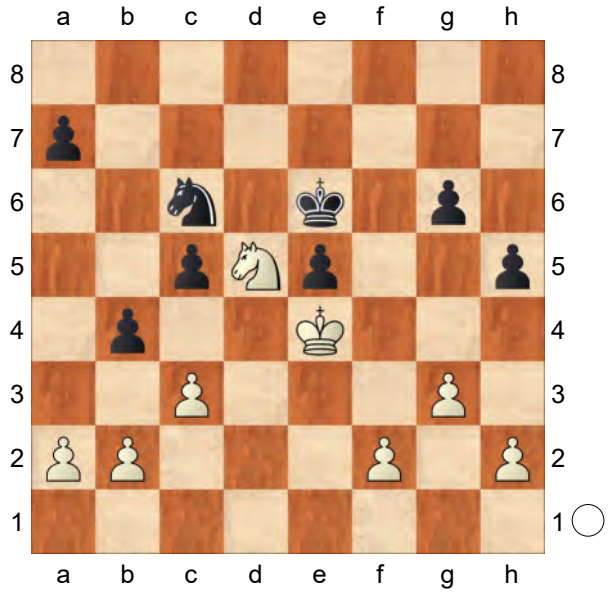
C20
□ **Trost,Edvin** **2274**
■ **Melikhov,E** **2292**
Titled Tuesday 16th Nov blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Qf6N
[4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
[4...Bh6 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]
5.Qd1 d6 6.d3 Be6 0.31/21
[6...Na5= -0.22/20]
7.Nf3 -0.13/21
[7.Nc3± 0.31/21]
7...Bxc4= 8.dxc4 The position is equal.
8...Bh6 0.65/19
[8...Qe6= -0.16/18]
9.Bxh6± Nxh6 10.Nc3 0-0 0.85/19
[10...Qg7± 0.45/20 might be stronger.]
11.Nd5± Qd8 12.0-0 0.18/19
White is more active.
[12.h4± 0.94/21]
12...f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Re1 0.07/23
[14.c3± 0.44/19 feels stronger.]
14...Ncd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.c3 Nc6 0.96/20
[16...Ne6= 0.21/21]



17.c5 0.25/20 **b6** 1.03/20
[17...dxc5= 0.25/20 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Ne7+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) *(19.Nxc7+?* too greedy. *Nxb3 20.axb3 Qxc7-+)* 19...Kg7]
18.cxd6 0.26/20
[18.cxb6± 1.03/20 cxb6 19.Qb3]
18...Qxd6= 19.Ne3 Qxd1 20.Raxd1 Rad8 21.Kf1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 Against Rd7 **23.Rxd8+ Nxd8±** Endgame. KN-KN **24.Nd5 c5 25.Ke2**

Kf7 26.Kd3 And now Ke4 would win. **26...Ke6 27.Ke4** Nc7+ would now be deadly. **27...Nc6 28.Ne3 h5 29.g3 b5 30.Nd5 b4**



31.h4 0.59/24
[31.f3!± 1.04/24]
31...a5 32.Ne3 0.28/23
[32.f4± 0.75/22]
32...a4 0.97/25
[32...bxc3!= 0.28/23 keeps the balance. 33.bxc3 Ne7]
33.Nc4 0.28/22
[White should play 33.Nd5± 0.97/25]
33...bxc3= 34.bxc3 Na7! 35.Nb2 0.09/24
[35.Nb6± 0.48/27 a3 36.Kd3]
35...a3! 36.Nc4 Nb5 37.Kd3
[37.Nxe5? is the wrong capture. Nxc3+ 38.Kd3 Nxa2-+]
37...e4+! 38.Kc2 Kd5? 3.81/28
Loses the game.
[38...g5!= 0.03/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]
39.Ne3+ Ke5 40.Kb3 Kc4 is the strong threat. **40...Kf6?** 4.93/23
[40...Kd6 2.86/22 41.Ng2 Ke5]
41.Kc4!+- Nc7 42.Kxc5 Hoping for Nd5+. **42...g5 43.Kb6 Ne6 44.c4 Ke5 45.c5 gxh4 46.gxh4 Kf4 47.c6 Kf3 48.Nd1**
[And not 48.c7 Nxc7 49.Kxc7 Kxf2=]
48...Ke2 49.Nc3+ Kxf2 aiming for ...e3. **50.Nxe4+ Kf3 51.Ng5+ Kg4 52.Nxe6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.40
1-0

C20
□ **Rosek,Holger** **957**
■ **Baas,Holger** **1117**
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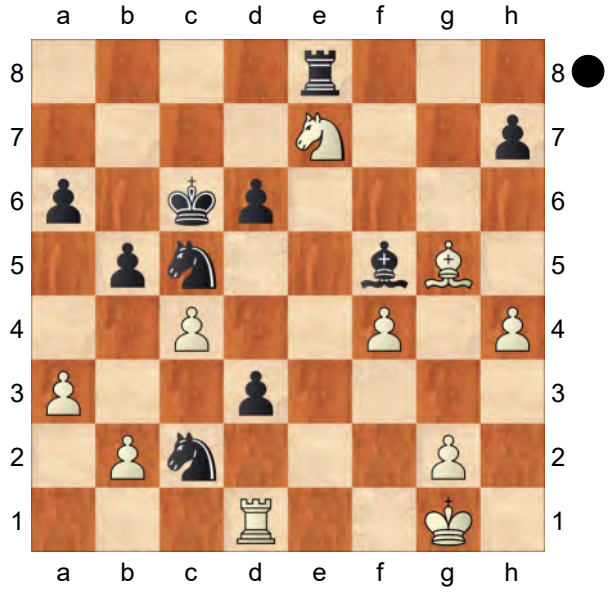
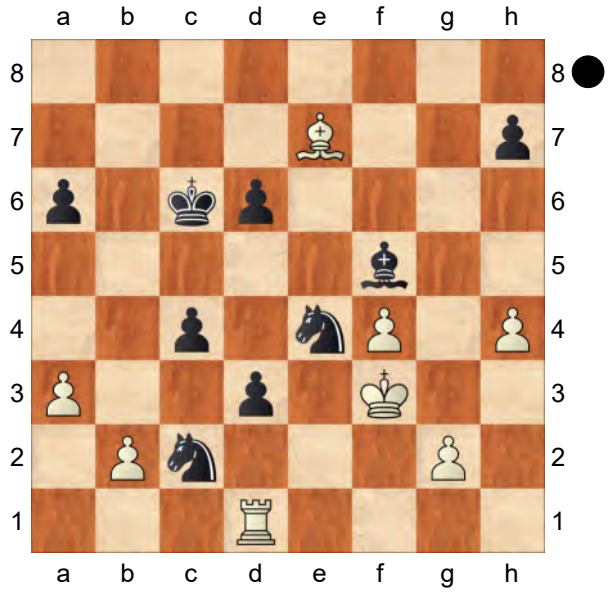
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2. Qf3 Survey 2004]
3.Bc4 Qd7N
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 4.♕c2 d6-A: 9...Nbd7 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1980]
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7 0.10/21
[Black should play 5...Nc6∓ -0.43/22]
6.Qg5 -1.36/23
[6.d4= 0.10/21 keeps the balance.]
6...Nxe4 -0.51/20
[6...Ng4∓ -1.36/23 7.Qh5 g6]
7.Qxg7∓ Bf6 8.Bxf7+? -3.46/22
Now White is beyond hope. **8...Qxf7-+ 9.Qxf7+ Kxf7 10.d3 Nc5 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Ng5+ Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Nc6 14.0-0 Rhg8 15.f4 Bf5 16.h4 e4 17.Nd5 exd3 18.Nxc7** -5.53/21
[⌓18.b4 -3.51/20]
18...Rac8 19.Nb5 Ke6 20.Rfe1+ Kd7

21.c4 -5.26/21
[⌓21.cxd3 -3.40/19 Nxd3 22.Re2]
21...a6 And now ...Rxg5 would win.
22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Re7+ Kc6 24.a3 Nc2 25.Rd1 Rge8 26.Nd5 b5 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Ne7+



Rxe7! 29.Bxe7
[29.cxb5+ axb5]
29...bxc4 30.Kf2 Ne4+ 31.Kf3



Bg4+! Decoy **32.Kxg4** Endgame. KRB-KNN
[32.Kxe4 Bxd1]
32...Nf2+ A dynamic duo of knights.
33.Kg5 Nxd1 34.f5 Nde3 35.f6 d2
Black mates.
[35...Nxg2 36.f7 d2 *(36...Nd4 37.Kf6=)* 37.f8Q∓]
36.Kh6 Nf5+
[36...d1B? too greedy. 37.f7 *(37.Kxh7? Bh5-+)* 37...Nf5+ 38.Kxh7 Nxe7 39.f8Q+- *(39.f8R? d5-+)*]
37.Kxh7 d1Q
[37...d1B? perishes. 38.f7 Nxe7 39.f8Q+- *(39.f8R?* loses. *d5-+)*]
38.Kh8 Qh5+ 39.Kg8 Qg6+ 40.Kf8 Kd7 41.f7 Qg7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

C20
□ **Rosek,Holger** **957**
■ **Wosch,Arkadiusz Janusz** **0**
Swiss 1998 www.desc-online.de (1)
[Fritz 6 (30s)]

1.e4 C20: Seltene Züge
[1.a4 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bc4 0-0 5.d3 d5 6.exd5 c6 7.dxc6 Nxc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qd1 ½-½ Nirav Y,R-Suvrajit,S/Calcutta op 1996/EXP 50 (11)]
1...e5 2.Qh5 d6N
[2...Qf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.Nd5 0-0-0 12.Ne3 Nf6 13.d3 Bxe3 14.Bxe3 a6 15.a4 d5 16.f3 Nh5 17.Rfb1 Rhf8 18.b4 d4 19.Bd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Qd2 Rd6 22.b5 Rb6 23.bxa6 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 Qxa6 25.Qb4 Rd8 26.Rb3 Rd6 27.e5 Rd8 28.Qe7 f6 29.Qxg7 fxe5 30.Qxe5 Qxa4 31.Qxf4 Qc6 32.Qf5+ Kb8

33.Qb5 Rd6 34.Qxc6 Rxc6 35.Rb2 Ka7 36.g4 Ka6 37.f4 Niekisch,D-Dewald,M/RH-op Wallertheim 1994/GER 09/1-0 (48)]

3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Qe3 d5 7.Bb5

[⩲7.exd5!? ist eine Alternative Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.d3∓]

7...d4-+ 8.Qg5?? es war sowieso egal

[⩲8.Qd3 dxc3 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxc3-+]

8...Ng4

[8...dxc3?! 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxe5 cxd2+ 11.Nxd2-+]

9.Qxg7 Bf6 10.Qxh8+ Bxh8 11.Nd5

[11.Bxc6+ ändert nichts mehr bxc6 12.Ne2 d3 13.cxd3 Qxd3-+]

11...Nf6 12.Nxe5

[12.Bxc6+ ändert den Lauf der Dinge nicht bxc6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6-+]

12...Nxe4 13.Nb4 Qh4 14.Ned3 Nxf2 15.0-0 Nxd3 16.Nxd3 Bd7 17.Bc4 0-0-0 18.g3 Qe7 19.b3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Rxf7

[21.d3 nützt auch nichts mehr f5-+]

21...Qd6 22.Rf2 d3!

Motiv: Abzugsangriff **23.c3**

[23.cxd3 Bxa1]

23...Bxg3! Zerstörung der Bauerndeckung **24.hxg3 Qxg3+** Hinlenkung nach g3 **25.Rg2 Qe1+ 26.Kh2 Bc6 27.Bb2**

[27.Ba3 würde die Partie unwesentlich verlängern Qxa1 28.Be7-+]

27...Qe5+ 28.Kg1 Wenn Weiß jetzt zu Tf1 käme... **28...Bxg2 29.Kxg2**

[29.Bf7 hilft allerdings auch nicht Qg3 30.Be6+ Kb8 31.Bc4 Bf3+ 32.Kf1 Be2#]

29...Qg5+

[29...Qg5+ 30.Kf3 Rf8+ 31.Ke4 Qf5+ 32.Ke3 Re8+ 33.Be6+ Rxe6+ 34.Kd4 Qe4+ 35.Kc5 Re5#]

0-1

C20

□ **Beating The Move Checkmate**

■ **N,N**

[John Emms]

I expect (hope!) that all of you, by now, have learned a way to stop the four-move checkmate, but don't skip to Chapter One just yet. What we are really interested in here is the best way to stop it, and this is because it teaches us something vital about good opening play. Let's have a closer look at the moves:

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 The queen attacks three pawns, but for the moment it only threatens the unguarded pawn on e5.

2...Nc6! Black defends the e5-pawn and develops a knight at the same time.

3.Bc4 Now both the queen and the bishop attack the f7-pawn, so White threatens to give checkmate with Qxf7. Black has a few ways to defend against the threat. For example, we could defend the f-pawn a second time with 3... Qe7, 3...Qf6 or even 3...Nh6. However, the ideal choice is: **3...g6!** Not only does this move prevent the checkmate by blocking the queen's path to f7, it attacks the queen too! --- TIP: Be alert to moves which achieve more than one task. Here 4...g6 defends against a threat and also creates a threat. **4.Qf3** The queen retreats but still attacks the pawn on f7, so Black is faced with the threat of Qxf7 mate for a second time. Again, there are a few ways to defend,

but the best option is: **4...Nf6!** Black blocks the threat of checkmate and develops the other knight to its best square - another dual-purpose move. --- At this stage White should abandon any ideas of checkmate and begin developing some new pieces. A good start would be 5 Ne2, getting ready to castle kingside. Let's see what could happen if White fails to do this and instead continues to attack: **5.g4?** White's idea is to threaten the knight by moving the pawn to g5. If the knight then moves, Qxf7 is checkmate. Unfortunately for White, this isn't going to happen! **5...Nd4!** Suddenly Black is the one who is creating the threats. The knight attacks the white queen, but there's also a threat of ...Nxc2+, forking the king and rook. So White's queen has to move and defend the c2-pawn. **6.Qd1** Things have gone horribly wrong for White. The queen has already moved three times and yet she is now back on her starting square! Black could simply capture the pawn on e4 with the knight on f6, but let's continue the theme of developing with threats: **6...d5!** Black threatens the bishop on c4, the pawn on e4, and something else too. Can you see what it is?

[Don't do 6...Nxe4 7.Nc3 Nc5 8.Bf1-+]

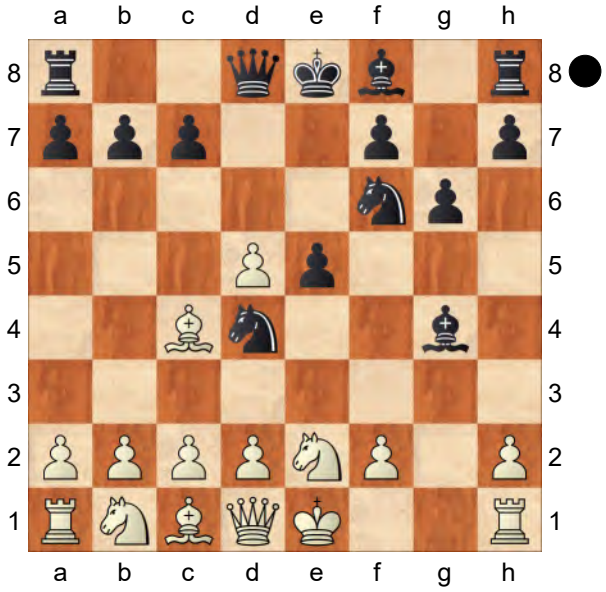
7.exd5N -4.77/22

[⌓7.Be2 -3.27/18]

[7.Bxd5 Bxg4 8.f3 Nxd5 9.fxg4 Qh4+ Chapter-Game Chapter 2 Game 5]

7...Bxg4! This was Black's third threat. Moving the d-pawn freed the bishop on c8 and created a discovered attack on the g4-pawn. Now there's a yet another attack on the poor queen. The queen can't move to a safe square so the only option is to block the attack. White's position is already very bad, but if White chooses to block with the knight it gets even worse: **8.Ne2?** -#2/15

[8.f3-+ -3.79/20 Bf5 9.d3]



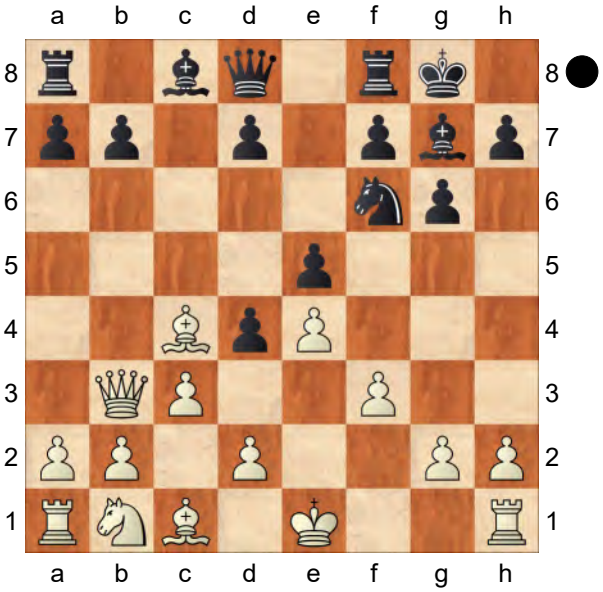
EXERCISE: Black can now force checkmate in two moves. Can you see how we do this? --- ANSWER: **8...Nf3+!** White's king has only one square to go to. **9.Kf1 Bh3#!** . An amazing end to the game, with the bishop and knight combining beautifully as a team to checkmate the white king. It's difficult to believe that just a few moves ago it was White threatening checkmate! --- What Black did so well in this example was to stop White's primitive plan by playing natural and active developing moves, and by doing so Black was able to create his own threats and force White to retreat. --- In summary, when we learn the best way to deal with the four-move checkmate, and how to beat White's crude attack afterwards with 5 g4?, we also learn some key guidelines which help us to choose moves in all

openings: 1) Develop your pieces as quickly as possible. --- 2) Defend against threats by playing natural developing moves. --- 3) Search for developing moves which achieve more than one goal. Dual-purpose moves are good, and triple-purpose moves are even better! --- 4) Search for developing moves which create threats. Single threats gain time, and double threats may gain pieces! --- Keeping those guidelines in mind, let's move on to our first opening... White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.84/ Black=0.34

C20

□ **Becker,Boris**
■ **Kasparov,Garry**
New York CNN exh 15.03.2000
[ChessCalisthenics]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Qf3N**
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2. Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 h6 9.a3 Kh7 10.h3 Be6 11.Be3 Ne7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Nh5 15.Qg4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qf6 19.Rd2 Qe5 20.g3 Nf6* Paveliev,A (2332) - Yandemirov,V (2503)/Moscow 2006/ CBM 110 ext/0-1 *)* 6...d6 *(6...d5 7.exd5 Nb4 8.Bb3 Nbxd5 9.h3 0-0 10.Bg5 c6 11.Nbc3 h6 12.Nxd5 hxg5 13.Ndc3 a5 14.a4 Qe7 15.Qe3 Nh5 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 gxf4 18.Qe2 Qh4 19.Ne4 Kh8 20.Nd2 e4 21.0-0-0* Nakamura,H (2657)-Filippov, A (2466)/playchess.com INT 2005/ EXT 2007/1-0 (38)*; 6...0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7.h3 a6 8.Nbc3 Na5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.b3 0-0 13.a4 Nh7 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Rg1 Bxc2 Nakamura,H (2657) -Filippov,A (2466)/playchess.com INT 2005/EXT 2007/1/2-1/2]
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6=]
3...Nd4 4.Qc3?
[⌓4.Qd3!?∓]
4...Nf6 5.f3 g6 -1.35/16
[5...d5-+ -3.07/16 6.Qd3 Bc5]
6.Ne2∓ c5 Black has more active pieces. The white bishops are passive. **7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3** Black is better. **8...Bg7** -0.46/18
[8...a6∓ -1.09/18 9.a4 d5 10.exd5 Bd6 *(10...Nxd5 11.Bc4∓)*]
9.Bc4∓ 0-0 ...d5! is the strong threat.
10.c3? -2.18/18
[10.d3∓ -0.45/17]



White does not recover from this.
10...d5-+ 11.Be2? -4.29/19
[⌓11.exd5 -3.34/19 11.Bxd5 -2.28

Qd6? -0.31/16 *(*Black should play *11...e4*-+ -3.34/19 White must now prevent ...exf3. *12.0-0 exf3 13.Rxf3 Ng4)* 12.0-0= -1.01/17 *(12.d3∓* -0.31/16 *)*]

[⌓11.Bxd5 -2.43/18 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Qh4+ 13.g3]

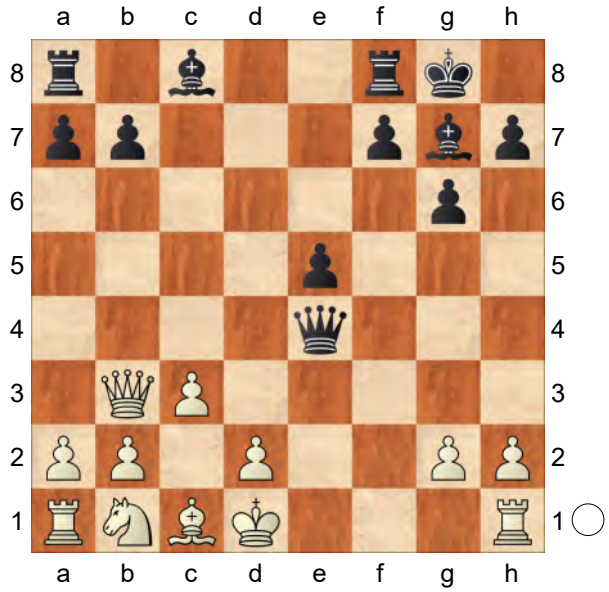
11...d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4

[⌓13.Be2-+]

13...Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1

[15.Kf1 Be6 16.Qb5-+]

15...Qxe4



16.Re1 White is weak on the light squares

[16.Rf1-+]

16...Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 18.Kc2

Weighted Error Value: White=1.30/ Black=0.44

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C20

□ **Becker,Friedrich**

■ **Bluemich,Max**

Deutsches Wochenschach #32 1918-19

[Blumich,Becker (Steinkohl)]

This game is in Ludwig Steinkohl's book I think? It was analysed by Blumich in D. Wochenschach.

But now it's found in Becker's own book, game 4 p29 ***

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Qf3N

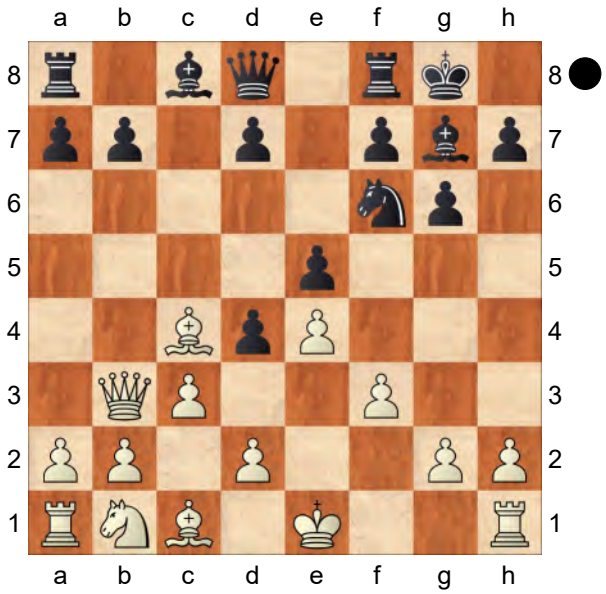
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 leads to nothing after Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 h6 9.a3 Kh7 10.h3 Be6 11.Be3 Ne7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Nh5 15.Qg4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qf6 19.Rd2 Qe5 20.g3 Nf6)* 6...d6 *(6...d5 7.exd5 Nb4 8.Bb3 Nbxd5 9.h3 0-0 10.Bg5 c6 11.Nbc3 h6 12.Nxd5 hxg5 13.Ndc3 a5 14.a4 Qe7 15.Qe3 Nh5 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 gxf4 18.Qe2 Qh4 19.Ne4 Kh8 20.Nd2 e4 21.0-0-0; 6...0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7.h3 a6 8.Nbc3 Na5 9.Bg5 Black's extra queenside pawn would be of little worth. h6 Becker RR10.Be3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.b3 = according to Zagorovsky in Romantic Chess Openings 0-0 13.a4 Nh7 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Rg1 Bxc2]

[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6]

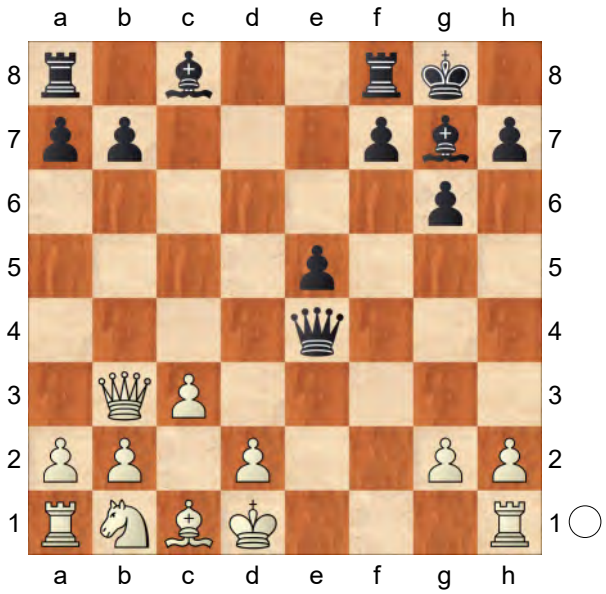
3...Nd4 4.Qc3

[4.Qd3]

4...Nf6 5.f3 g6 -1.32/17
[5...d5-+ -2.74/17 6.Qd3 c5]
6.Ne2∓ c5 -1.22/17
[6...Nc6-+ -1.66/19 Hoping for ...d5. 7.Qe3 d5]
7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 White hoped to get a good ending from this move. Black is better. **8...Bg7** -0.58/17
[8...a6∓ -1.22/20 9.a4 d5]
9.Bc4∓ 0-0 ...d5! is the strong threat.
10.c3? -2.28/17
[10.d3∓ -0.51/18]



White does not recover from this.
10...d5-+ 11.Be2 -4.21/19
[11.exd5 -3.15/18 11.Bxd5 -2.05 Qd6? -0.33/17 *(*Black should try *11...e4-+* -3.15/18 aiming for ...exf3. *12.0-0 exf3 13.Rxf3 Ng4)* 12.0-0 -1.09/18 *(12.d3∓* -0.33/17 *)*]
[11.Bxd5 -2.23/20 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Qh4+ 13.g3]
11...d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4
[13.Be2]
13...Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1
[15.Kf1 Be6! 16.Qb5]
15...Qxe4
(Diagram)



16.Re1 White is weak on the light squares
[16.Rf1]
16...Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 18.Kc2
Blumich: White is willing to give up a pawn (...Bxg2) to eliminate one of the fearsome bishops.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.29/ Black=0.53
0-1

C20

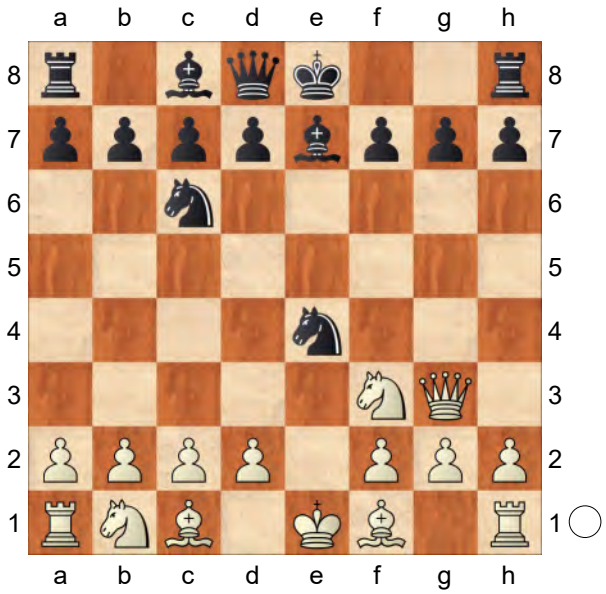
□ **Bluebaum,Johanna**
■ **Elling,Nils**
NRW-Ferienturnier U16 (5) 16.08.2001
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Yasser Seirawan: 'Before moving on to Chapter Two, I'd like to share the following game. During the time I spent writing this book, I received the June 1998 issue of 'Northwest Chess', the monthly publication for the Washington and Oregon State Chess Federations, which reported on the 1998 National

Elementary Championships that had been held in April. National Chess Master Carl Haessler, who has been successfully teaching chess to scholastic players for years, accompanied several of his students to the 1998 Nationals and shared their successes and sorrows. Carl's report featured the following game.' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Nf3N**
[4.Bc4 Nc6 5.Qf4 0-0 6.e5 Nxe5 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4 Ng4 9.h4 Ne5 10.h5 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qc3 Bf6 13.Qd3 Re8 14.h6 Bf5+ 15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6 Noble,D-Borngesser,A National Elementary Championships 1998]
[4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 1]
[4.d3 Nc6 5.Qg3 d5 6.Qxg7 Rg8 7.Qh6 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nd4 9.Qd2 Nxe4 10.Qd3 Bf5 11a) Wayward Queen Attack,V-Scholar's Mate #2]
4...Nc6 5.Qg3 Nxe4? 0.49/18
[Black should play 5...d5!∓ -1.47/20 aiming for ...Nh5. 6.Ne5 Nxe5 *(6...Nxe4 7.Qxg7 Rf8 8.Nxc6±; 6...dxe4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qxg7∓)* 7.Qxe5 0-0 *(7...Nxe4 8.Nc3∓; 7...dxe4 8.d4∓)*]

(Diagram)

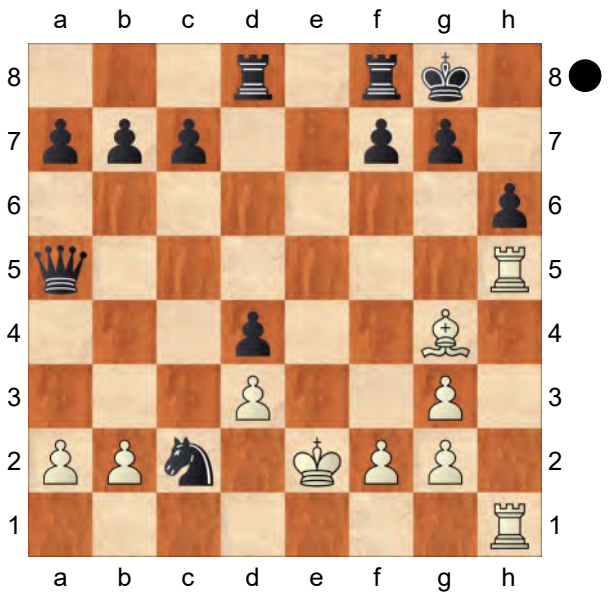
6.d3? -5.14/17 **Nxg3-+ 7.hxg3 d5 8.Bg5** Black is clearly winning. **8...Bxg5 9.Nxg5 0-0 10.Nc3 Qxg5 11.Nb5 Qe5+ 12.Be2 Bg4 13.Kd2 d4 14.Bxg4 Qxb5 15.Bd7 Qa5+ 16.Ke2 Nb4 17.Rh2 Rad8** -12.46/18
[⌓17...Rae8+ -#9/14 18.Kf3 Qd5+



19.Kf4 h5 *(19...Qxd7 20.Rh5 Nd5+ 21.Kf3 Nf6 22.Rg5 Qc6+* Skewer, Double Attack *23.Kf4; 19...g5+ 20.Kg4 Qxd7+ 21.Kxg5 Re5+ 22.Kh4 Qf5 23.g4 Qxf2+ 24.Kh3 Re3+ 25.g3 Qxg3#)* 20.Rxh5 Qxh5 *(20...Qxd7? 21.a3-+)* 21.g4 Qe5+ 22.Kf3 g5 23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Rh1 Qf4#]
18.Bg4 Nxc2 -14.68/19
[⌓18...Rfe8+ -#10/16 19.Kf1 Nxc2 20.b4 Qxb4 *(20...Nxb4? 21.Rh5-+)* 21.Be2 Nxa1 22.f4 Nc2 *(22...Qb1+ 23.Kf2 Rxe2+ 24.Kf3 Qxd3+ 25.Kg4 Qg6+ 26.Kh4 h5 27.Kh3 Qg4#)* 23.Kg1 Qb1+ *(23...Rxe2 24.Rxh7 Qe1+ 25.Kh2 Kxh7 26.f5 Ne3* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *27.a4 Rxg2+ 28.Kh3 Qxg3#)* 24.Bd1 Qxd1+ 25.Kf2 Qe2+ 26.Kg1 Qe1#]
19.Rah1 h6 (-> ...Rfe8+) **20.Rh5**

(Diagram)

Nb4? -0.63/16 **21.Rxa5∓ b6** 0.22/19
[21...Rfe8+∓ -0.54/22 22.Kd2 Nc6]
22.Re5? -2.26/20
[22.Rxa7= 0.22/19 and White stays



safe. Ra8 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.a3]

22...Rfe8 23.Rhh5 -5.04/19
[23.Rxe8+∓ -1.57/19 Rxe8+ 24.Kd2]

23...f6? -1.98/20
[23...g6 -5.04/19 24.Bd7 Rxe5+ *(24...Rxd7 25.Rxe8+ Kg7 26.Rh1±; 24...gxh5 25.Bxe8 Rd5 26.Rxd5∓)* 25.Rxe5 Rxd7]

24.Rxe8+-+ Rxe8+ 25.Kf1? -4.75/21
[25.Kd2 -2.02/16 Re5 *(25...Nxa2 26.Rd5∓)* 26.Rxe5 fxe5 27.a3]

25...Nxd3 26.Bf5 -#1/16
[26.Be2-+ -4.46/25 Nb4 *(26...Nxb2? 27.Rd5-+)* 27.Rh4]

26...Re1#

Weighted Error Value: White=1.67/ Black=0.98

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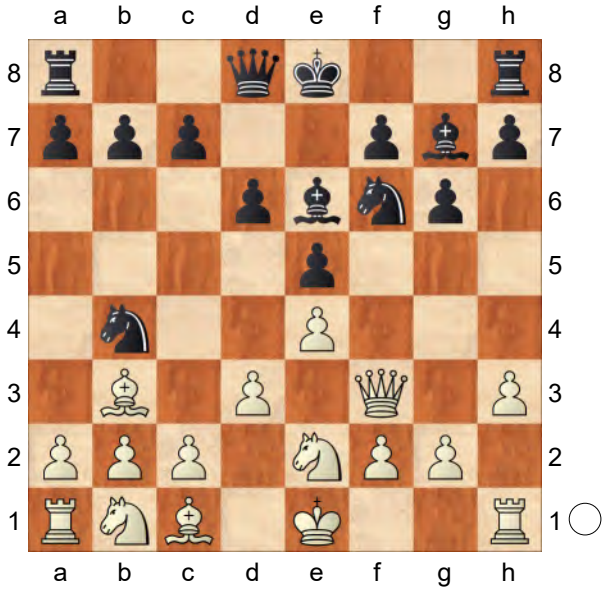
□ **Bonus Miscellaneous Openings**
■ **2.Qh5 #3**
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
RR: 'Inf 95/(215)' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3** Prevents Bg4 **7...Nb4**
[7...Be6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Be3 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5 11.0-0 0-0 Nakamura,H (2657)-Mitkov,N (2530) Minneapolis_33680 2005]

8.Bb3 Be6



aiming for ...Bxb3. **9.Na3N**
[9.Bxe6 Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.Bc4 c6 E4 Openings-Parham/Wayward Queen Attack 3]

9...d5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

C20

□ **Brettl,Filip**
■ **Krocil,Richard**
Betsys ch-CZE On/L Blitz (10) 17.04.21
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Bc5N
[2...Nc6 3.Qf3 *(3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.

Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 3...Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 0-1 (18) Caselas Cabanas,J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]

[2...Nf6 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 1]

3.Qxe5+ Qe7 4.Qxg7 Qh4 5.g3 Qxe4+ 6.Ne2 Qxh1 7.Qxh8 Qf3 8.Qxg8+ White is clearly winning.

8...Ke7 6.90/15

[⌓8...Bf8 4.86/18 9.d4 *(9.Qxh7 d6+-)* 9...Qf6]

9.Qg5+

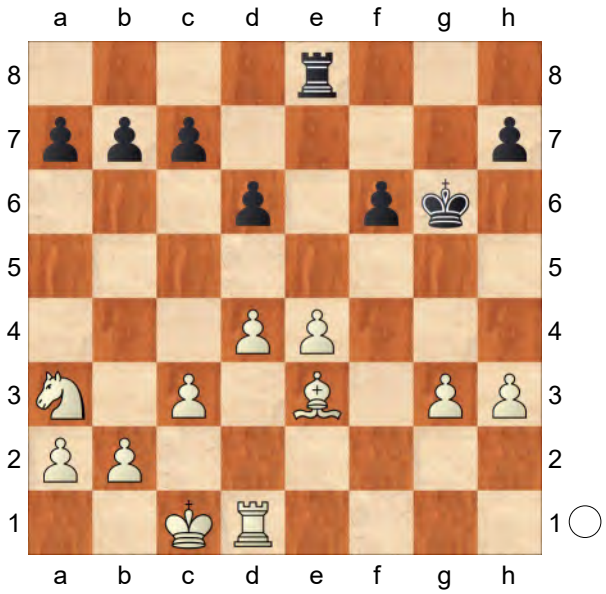
[9.Qxc8? gets mated. Qxf2+ 10.Kd1 Qxf1#]

9...f6 10.Qxc5+ d6 11.Qe3+ Qxe3 12.fxe3 Nc6 13.d3 Nb4 14.Na3 Bg4 15.c3 Nd5 7.72/18

[⌓15...Nxd3+ 4.98/16 16.Kd2 Ne5]

16.e4 Nb6 17.Be3 Nd7 18.0-0-0 Ne5 19.d4 Ng6 20.h3 Bxe2 21.Bxe2 Re8 22.Bh5 Kf7 23.Bxg6+ Kxg6

(Diagram)



24.e5! dxe5

[24...fxe5 25.dxe5]

25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Bd4 Re2 27.Rf1 f5 28.g4 fxg4 29.hxg4 h5 30.Rf6+ Kg5 31.Rf7 hxg4 32.Rxc7 g3 33.Rg7+ Kf4 34.Rf7+ Kg4 35.Kd1 Rh2 36.Be5 g2 37.Rg7+ Kh3 38.Bxh2 Kxh2 39.Rxg2+ Kxg2+- Endgame. KN-KPP

40.Nb5 a6 41.Na7 Kf3 42.Kd2 Ke4 43.Nc8 Kd5 44.b3 Kc6 45.Ne7+ Kb6 46.Nd5+ Kc6 47.c4 b5 48.Kd3 bxc4+ 49.bxc4 KN-KP **49...Kc5 50.Nc7 Kc6 51.Nxa6 Kb6 52.Nb4 Kc5 53.Nc2 Kb6** White mates. **54.Kd4 Kc6 55.c5 Kc7 56.Kd5 Kc8 57.c6 Kc7 58.Kc5 Kc8 59.Kd6 Kb8 60.a4 Kc8 61.c7 Kb7 62.Kd7 Kb6 63.c8Q Ka5 64.Qa8+ Kb6 65.Qc6+ Ka5 66.Qb5#** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=1.00

1-0

C20

□ **Caselas Cabanas,Jacobo**

■ **10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163**

64/308 Santa Clara 15.03.2000

[IainMackintosh]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Qf3N

[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2. Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 h6 9.a3*

Kh7 10.h3 Be6 11.Be3 Ne7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Nh5 15.Qg4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qf6 19.Rd2 Qe5 20.g3 Nf6) 6...d6 *(6...d5 7.exd5 Nb4 8.Bb3 Nbxd5 9.h3 0-0 10.Bg5 c6 11.Nbc3 h6 12.Nxd5 hxg5 13.Ndc3 a5 14.a4 Qe7 15.Qe3 Nh5 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 gxf4 18.Qe2 Qh4 19.Ne4 Kh8 20.Nd2 e4 21.0-0-0; 6...0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7.h3 a6 8.Nbc3 Na5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.b3 0-0 13.a4 Nh7 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Rg1 Bxc2]

[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6]

3...Nd4 4.Qc3

[4.Qd3]

4...Nf6 5.f3 g6 -1.45/16

[5...d5-+ -2.88/18 6.Qd3 dxe4 7.fxe4 Nd7]

6.Ne2∓ c5 Black has more active pieces. The white bishops are passive. **7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3** Black is better. **8...Bg7** -0.49/18

[8...a6∓ -1.15/19 9.d3 d5]

9.Bc4∓ 0-0 Threatens to win with ...d5!

10.c3? -2.58/19

[Better is 10.d3∓ -0.45/19]

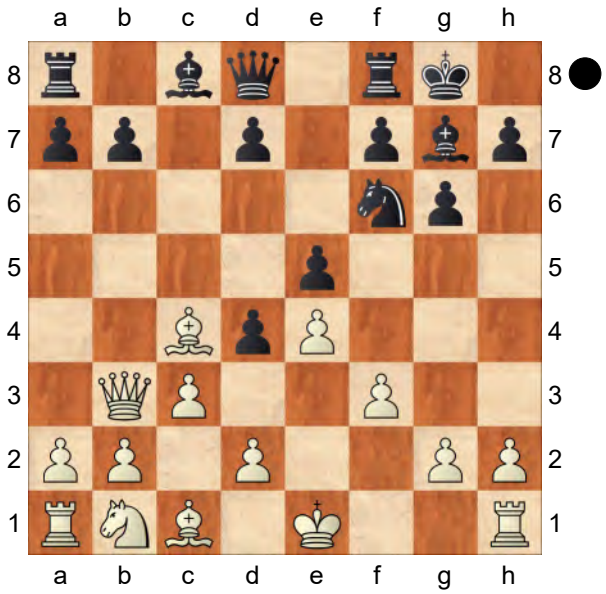
(Diagram)

This move loses the game for White.

10...d5-+ 11.Be2 -4.17/19

[11.exd5 Qd6? -0.21/18 *(11...e4-+* -2.83/20 aiming for ...exf3. *12.0-0 exf3 13.Rxf3 Ng4)* 12.0-0 -0.97/17 *(12.d3*= -0.21/18 *)*]

[11.Bxd5 -2.15/18 was the only chance. Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Qh4+ 13.g3]



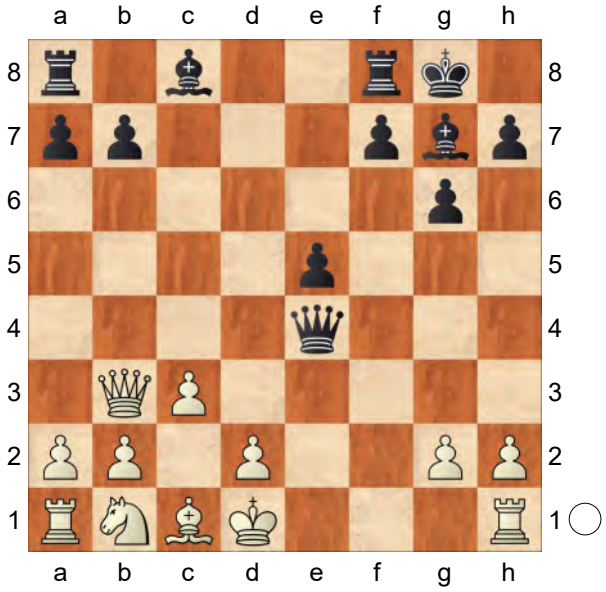
11...d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4

[13.Be2]

13...Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1

[15.Kf1 Be6 16.Qb5]

15...Qxe4



16.Re1 White is weak on the light squares

[16.Rf1]

16...Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 18.Kc2

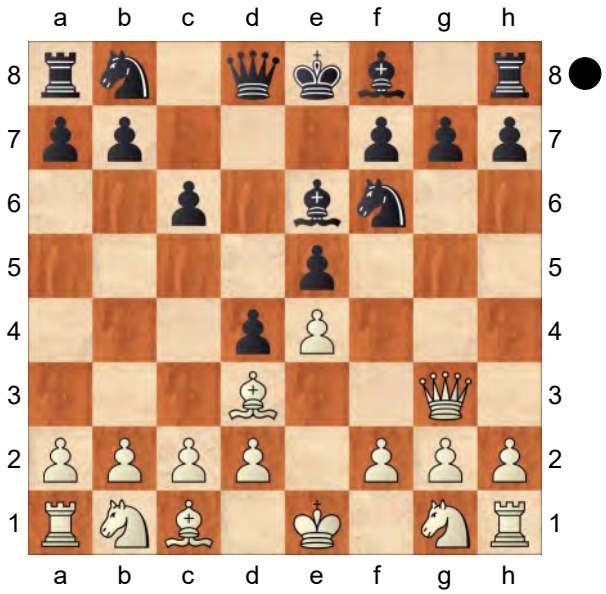
Weighted Error Value: White=1.41/ Black=0.32

0-1

C20

□ **Dzurny,Matej**
■ **Abdou,Fransis Thomas**
Slovak Youth Rapid Championship 2024 ..
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]
3.Bb5+N
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 4.♕c2 d6-A: 9...Nbd7 Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1980]
3...c6 4.Be2 Nf6 5.Qf3 d5 6.Nc3 d4 7.Nb1 Bg4 -0.40/20
[7...Be6∓ -1.20/18 aiming for ...Qa5. 8.d3 Nbd7]
8.Qg3∓ Black is slightly better. **8...Be6** With the idea ...h6. **9.Bd3?** -2.31/19
[9.Qxe5= -0.09/18 and White is okay. c5 10.d3]



Loses the game. **9...Bd6 10.Qf3** -2.34/17
[10.Be2 -1.74/19 keeps fighting.]
10...c5 11.Qd1 -3.06/17
[11.Bb5+ -1.87/17 was called for. Nbd7 12.b3]
11...c4-+ 12.Be2 Nxe4 13.d3 White is weak on the dark squares
13...cxd3 14.cxd3 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Black is clearly better. **15...Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Nd6 17.Ngf3 Nc6 18.a3 Qf6 19.0-0 Qg6 20.Nh4 Qg5** -1.49/18
[20...Qf6-+ -1.90/20 21.Nhf3 0-0]
21.Nhf3 Qg6 22.Nh4 Qf6 23.Nhf3 Bd5 24.Qe1 -2.01/21
[24.Re1∓ -1.56/19 was necessary.]
24...Nf5 25.Ne4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

C20

□ **Harrelson,Woody**
■ **Kasparov,G**
Consultation 12.07.1999
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 Qe7N
[3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 *(4...Bh6 5.Qxf7#* Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004 *)* 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.a3 *(7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Nbc3 Nf5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 d6 6.d3 h6 7.h3 Be6 8.Nc3 Black is slightly better.
8...Bxc4 9.dxc4 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 c5 0.24/23
[11...Nxe4 -0.24/24 should be

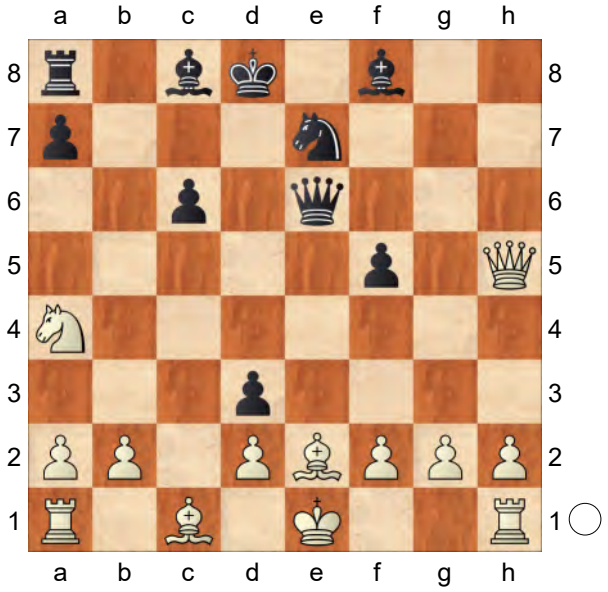
considered. 12.Qg4 g6]
12.f3= d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 The position is equal. **14.Qxe7+ Nxe7 15.Bd2 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 g6** 0.16/21
[⌓16...b5 -0.21/27]
17.Nf4 Bg7 18.c4 dxc3 19.Bxc3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 b6 21.c4 Nc6 22.Kb2 Rhe8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **24.Nd5 h5 25.a4 Kd7 26.Kc3 Ke6 27.f4 Nd4 28.Rd1 Ne2+ 29.Kc2 Nd4+ 30.Kc3 Ne2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

C20

□ **Huemmecke,Aaron**
■ **Isringhausen,Nathan**
Sachsen-ch int U08 (8.28) 21.10.2004
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

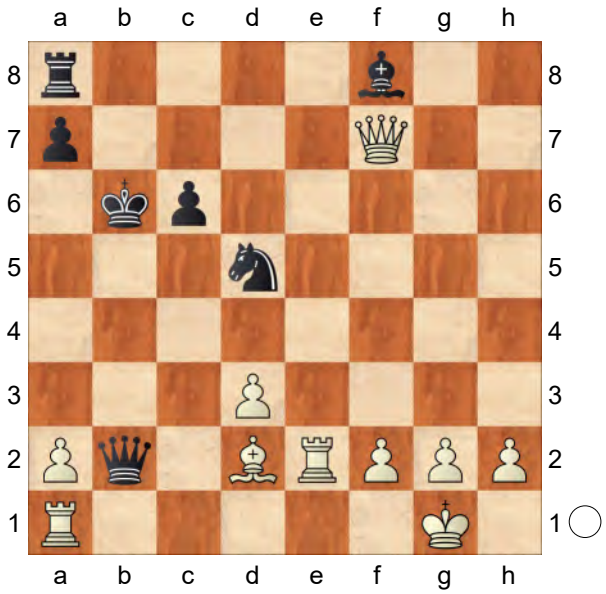
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
Queen Raid: After determining that my cannon-fire ideas weren't doing the job, a careful rethink of my opening approach was necessary. This was a critical phase of my chess development. It seemed that chess was far too difficult for my poor mind. Was trying to get better worth getting stomped by my friends?All chess players at one time in their very early career are struck by this telling question. Many decide that, indeed, chess isn't their shtick. Fortunately for me, a serendipitous outside influence played a crucial role at this phase in my development. My interest was rekindled when America's own Robert James (Bobby) Fischer defeated the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky for the World Chess Championship in 1972. It was a heady moment for chess players around the world, and for American chess players in particular.While most Americans were undoubtedly proud of their new champion, I had a question: 'How could Bobby be champion? He didn't beat me!'Renewing myself, I applied the formidable powers of my young mind to my opening strategy. Carefully penetrating the mysterious veil of the chess pieces, I deduced something wonderful and extraordinary: My Queen is the most powerful piece on the board!My fault had been not to develop it quickly enough. How simple and obvious: My Queen was a natural-born bully! All that was necessary was to introduce it into the game as early as possible.This faulty strategy is one of the most insidious pitfalls in chess! I fell into it headlong, as every untrained beginner has done! The problem, dear reader, is simply this: The Queen Raid strategy worked! My results against my circle of chess friends immediately improved. Two early examples of victorious play convinced me that I was on the right track.This game begins with a good opening move - played with the completely wrong strategy in mind. The intention should be to grab control of the center, not to make room for my Queen! Controlling the center certainly wasn't my intention. **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 g6**
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]
3.Qxe5+ Ne7N
[3...Qe7 4.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 5.Ne2 Qxc2 6.Qxg8 Nc6 7.Na3 Qa4 8.b3 Qb4 9.Nc2 Qc5 10.Ba3 Qxc2 11.Qxf8# Early Days-Queen Raid]
4.Qxh8 f6 5.Qxh7 d6 6.Nf3 f5 7.exf5

gxf5 8.Bc4 White is clearly winning. **8...Qd7 9.Nd4** Black must now prevent Qf7+. **9...d5 10.Bb5 c6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Bb5 Nbc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bd3 Qe6+ 15.Be2 c4 16.Nc3 d4 17.Qh5+ Kd8 18.Na4 d3 19.cxd3 cxd3**



20.0-0! dxe2 21.Re1 Ba6 22.Qh8 Kc7 4.86/18
[22...Ng6 3.07/19 is a better defense. 23.Qd4+ *(23.Nc5 Qd5+-)* 23...Qd6 24.Qxd6+ Bxd6]
23.Nc5+- Qc4 24.Nxa6+ Qxa6 25.Qe5+ Kc8 26.d3 Qa5 13.20/21
[⌓26...Qxd3 5.12/19 27.Bg5 *(27.Qxe2 Qxe2 28.Rxe2 Kd7+-; 27.Rxe2 Nd5+-)* 27...Nd5 28.Qe6+ *(28.Qxe2 Qxe2 29.Rxe2 f4+-; 28.Rxe2 Kb7+-)* 28...Kc7]
27.Bf4 4.62/20
[⌓27.Qxa5 13.20/21 Nd5 28.Qa6+ *(28.Rxe2 Kd7+-)* 28...Kc7 29.Rxe2]
27...Nd5 7.00/21
[⌓27...Qxe5 4.62/20 28.Bxe5 Ng6 29.Rxe2 a6]
28.Rxe2 Kb7 29.Bd2 Qb6 30.Qxf5 Qxb2 31.Qf7+ Kb6

(Diagram)



32.Ree1 4.89/21 **Qxd2 33.Rab1+ Ka6?** 17.94/22
[33...Bb4 2.95/20 34.Qe6 Qxa2]
34.Qb7+ Ka5 35.Qxa8 Bc5 36.Qxc6 Qxf2+ 37.Kh1 Nf4 38.Qb5#
Weighted Error Value: White=1.50/ Black=0.55
1-0

C20

□ **Huemmecke,Aaron**
■ **Koelbel,Ole**
Sachsen-ch int U08 (7.17) 21.10.2004
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Nf3N
[3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Caba Cabanas,J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995]
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 *(4...Nf6*

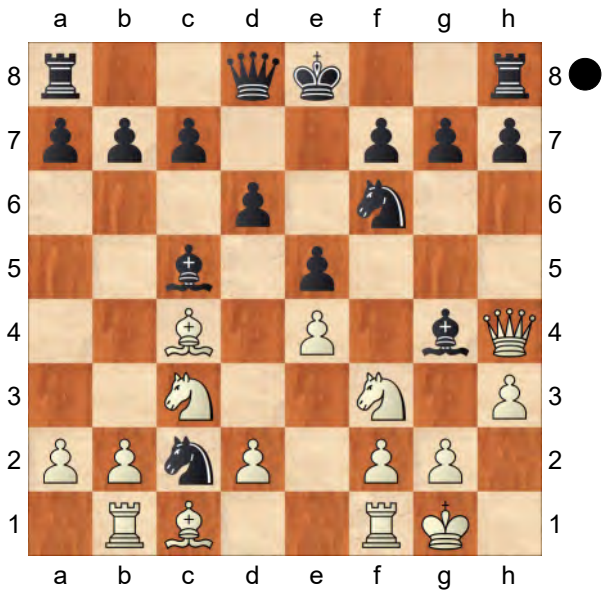
5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]

3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 -0.24/23
[5...Nb4∓ -0.85/19 6.Kd1 0-0]

6.Bc4 Nb4 7.0-0 -1.27/22
[7.Bb3∓ -0.32/24]

7...Nxc2∓ 8.Rb1 Black is better. **8...Bg4** -0.93/21
[Black should try 8...h6 -1.31/23 9.Na4 Bd4]

9.h3? -2.51/21
[9.b4∓ -0.93/21 Bb6 *(9...Bxb4?* is the wrong capture. *10.Ng5±)* 10.Qg3]



This move loses the game for White.

9...Bxf3-+ 10.gxf3 Nd4 11.Qg3 0-0 12.Qh4? -8.73/22
[12.b4 -2.43/20 Bb6 13.d3]

12...Nxf3+ A dynamic duo of knights.

13.Kh1 Nxh4 14.d3 Qd7 15.Bb5 Qxh3+ 16.Kg1 Qg2#

Weighted Error Value: White=1.80/ Black=0.22 (precise)

0-1

C20

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■ **Mercy Tayiana Rodriguez Perez**
Colombian Intercolegiados Finals 2023 | ..
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

I expect (hope!) that all of you, by now, have learned a way to stop the four-move checkmate, but don't skip to Chapter One just yet. What we are really interested in here is the best way to stop it, and this is because it teaches us something vital about good opening play. Let's have a closer look at the moves: **1.e4** 0.15 **e5** 0.17 **2.Qh5** 0.31 **Qe7N** 0.04

[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 *(3.Qf3 Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 Qxe2+* 0-1 (18) Caselas Cabanas,J-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995 *)* 3...g6 4.Qf3 *(4.Qd1 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7* 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4) *)* 4...Nf6

A) 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 *(6.Nbc3 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 Na5 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7* Seidman URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 6...h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.g4 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.a4 Bd7 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.0-0 g5 16.Nd5

Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0 19.h4 Rbe8 1-0 (41) Jekabs Georgs,I (2514)-Varela Garcia,M (2177) Sautron op 11th 2011 (5.9); **B)** 5.g4 Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 Bxg4 8.Ne2 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3# Beating The Move Checkmate-N, N]

3.Qd1 0.19 **Nf6** 0.01 **4.Nc3** 0.02 **Nc6** 0.01 **5.Nf3?!** 0.69 Inaccuracy. g3 was best.

[5.g3 h5 6.d3 Qc5 7.Bg2 h4 8.gxh4 Rxh4 9.h3 Rh8]

5...Qb4? 0.65/20 Mistake. d5 was best.

[5...d5! 6.exd5]

[5...d5!∓ -0.64/19 6.exd5 Nd4]

6.d3?! -0.18/17 Inaccuracy. a3 was best.

[6.a3 Qc5]

[6.a3± 0.65/20 Qe7 7.d4]

6...d5!= 0.06 Threatens to win with ...d4.

7.a3 0.02 **Qa5** 0.49/22 Inaccuracy. Qd6 was best.

[7...Qd6 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.c4 Qd6 11.b4 a5 12.b5! Nd4 13.Nxd4]

[7...Qd6= -0.16/22]

8.b4?? -3.19/22 Blunder. Bd2 was best.

[8.Bd2 Qc5]

[8.Bd2± 0.49/22 Qc5 9.b4]

8...Nxb4?? 0.91/17 Blunder. Bxb4 was best.

[8...Bxb4 9.axb4 Qxa1 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Nxc7 Rb8 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nxb4 14.c4]

[8...Bxb4-+ -3.19/22 9.axb4 Qxa1]

9.Nxe5?? -3.69/21 Blunder. Bd2 was best.

[9.Bd2 Na6 10.Nxd5 Qa4 11.Nc3 Qa5 12.Be2 c6 13.Nd5! Inhibits Qc7. Qd8

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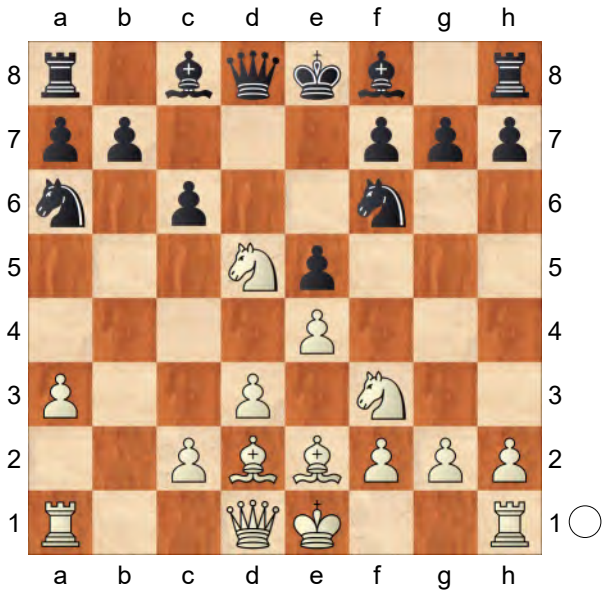


14.Ne3! Qc7]

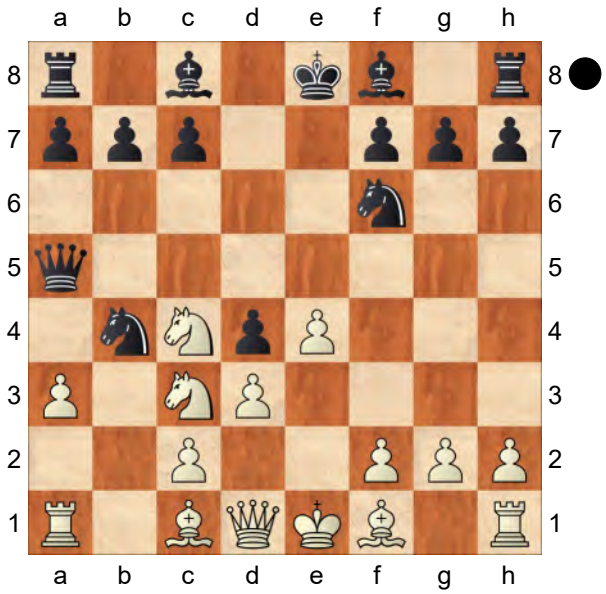
[9.Bd2± 0.91/17 Na6 10.Nxd5 *(10.Nxe5 d4±)*]

9...d4?? -0.39/22 Blunder. Na2 was best.

[9...Na2! 10.Rxa2 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Qxe5 12.f4 Qh5 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.Be2 Nf6 15.e5]

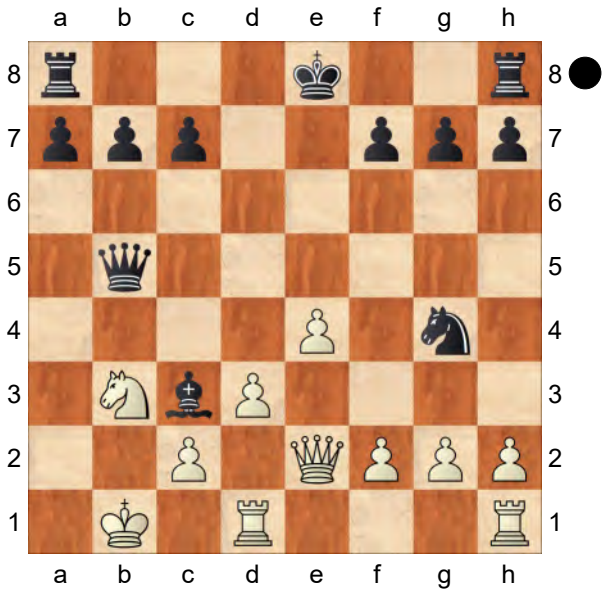
[9...Na2!-+ -3.69/21 10.Bb2 Nxc3]

10.Nc4∓ 0.53



Bg4?? 3.62/19 Blunder. Nxc2+ was best. **11.Be2??** 0.00/24 Blunder. Nxa5 was best.

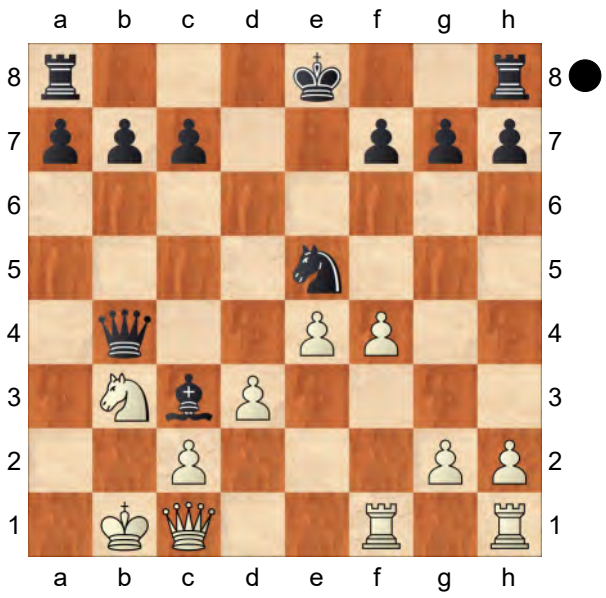
[11.Nxa5 Bxd1 12.Kxd1 dxc3 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.Ke2 Ng4 15.f3 f5 16.Ra4 c5]
[11.Nxa5+- 3.62/19 Bxd1 12.Kxd1]
11...Qh5? 1.32/21 Mistake. Nxc2+ was best.
[11...Nxc2+ 12.Qxc2 Qxc3+ 13.Qxc3 dxc3 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.h3 Nf6 16.Rb1 0-0-0 17.Ke2]
[11...Nxc2+= 0.00/24 12.Qxc2 Qxc3+ 13.Qxc3 dxc3]
12.axb4? -0.13/19 Mistake. Bf4 was best.
[12.Bf4 Nxc2+]
[12.Bf4± 1.32/21]
12...Bxb4= 0.12 Pin **13.Bd2** 0.34 And now Bxg4 would win. **13...dxc3** 0.45
14.Bxg4 -3.96/19 Blunder. Bf4 was best.
[14.Bf4 Bxg4! is the strong threat. Bxe2!]
[White should try 14.Bf4∓ -0.42/22]
14...cxd2+-+ -3.54
[14...Nxg4 15.Bf4±]
[Not 14...Qxg4 15.Be3∓]
15.Nxd2 -3.51 **Nxg4** -3.42 **16.Qe2** -3.32 **Bc3** -3.69 **17.0-0-0??** -#4/15 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Ra3 was best.
[17.Ra3 Bd4 18.Rf1 Qg6 19.h3 Nf6 20.f4 0-0-0 21.Kd1 Nd7 22.c3 Bc5]
[17.Rb1-+ -3.93/21]
17...Qg5?? -5.05/16 Lost forced checkmate sequence. Qa5 was best.
[17...Qa5 18.Nb1 Qa1 19.Rde1 Qb2+ 20.Kd1 Qxb1#]
[⌓17...Qa5 -#4/15 18.Nb1 Qa1 19.Rdg1 Qb2+ Deflection 20.Kd1 Qxb1#]
18.Kb1?? -#3/17 Checkmate is now unavoidable. d4 was best.
[18.d4 Nxf2 19.Qxf2 Qa5 20.Nb1 Dodges Qa3+ Qa1 21.Rd3 Qb2+ 22.Kd1 Qxb1+ 23.Ke2 Qxc2+]
[18.Rdf1-+ -5.05/16]
18...Qb5+? -10.53/16 Lost forced checkmate sequence. Qa5 was best.
[18...Qa5 19.Nb3 Qa3 20.Qxg4 Qb2#]
[⌓18...Qa5 -#3/17 19.Nb3 Qa3 20.Qxg4 Qb2#]
19.Nb3 -6.13



Qa4! -5.41 **20.Qd2** -5.38
[20.Qe1 Bxe1]
20...Qb4 -4.93 **21.Qf4** -6.97 **Qa3** -4.35 **22.Qc1** -4.36 Inhibits Qb2+. **22...Qb4** -4.33 **23.Rdf1** -5.87 **Ne5** -4.13 **24.f4?!** -7.37
[24.Ka2 a5 Strongly threatening ... a4. 25.Qa3 Nc6 26.Rb1 0-0 27.Nc1 Bf6 28.c3 Bxc3 29.Ne2 Bf6]

(Diagram)

Inaccuracy. Ka2 was best. **24...Nxd3!** -7.97 **25.Ka2?** -#4 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Rf3 was best.
[25.Rf3 Nxc1 26.Rxc3 Qxc3 27.Kxc1 Rd8 aiming for ...a5. 28.e5 h5 (-> ...Rh6) 29.f5 Rh6 30.f6 gxf6]
25...Nxc1+ -#3 Black mates. **26.Rxc1**



-#3 **Qa4+** -#2 **27.Kb1** -#2 **Qa3** -#1
Weighted Error Value: White=2.00/ Black=1.93
0-1

C20

□ **Markovcic,Masa**
■ **Klancar,Hana**
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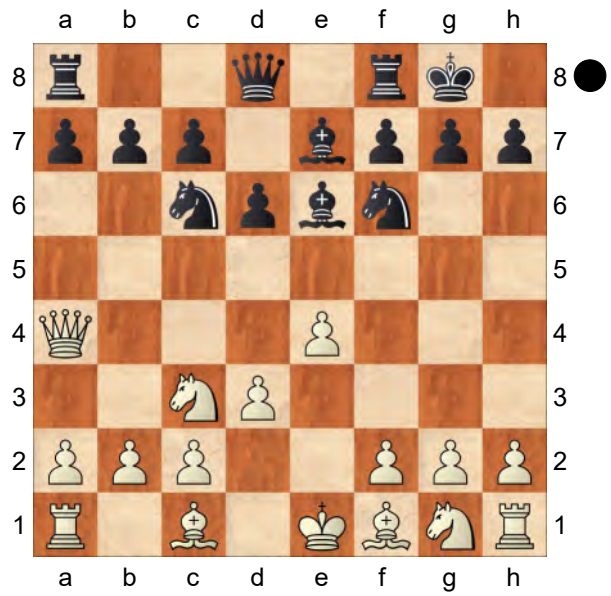
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 0.14 **e5** 0.21 **2.Qh5** 0.21 **Nf6** 0.08
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qd1 *(4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.g4 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.a4 Bd7 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.0-0 g5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0* 1-0 (41) Jekabs Georgs,I (2514)-Varela Garcia,M (2177) Sautron op 11th 2011 (5.9) *)* 4...Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4)]
3.Qxe5+ 0.05 **Be7** 0.03 **4.Nc3** 0.17 **0-0** 0.00 **5.d3N** 0.34
[5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Game Chapter 8 Game 1]
5...d6? 0.87/21 Mistake. Nc6 was best.
[5...Nc6 6.Qf4! d5 7.Be2 Re8 8.Nf3 Bb4 9.Bd2 dxe4 10.Nxe4]
[5...Nc6= -0.25/20 remains equal. 6.Qf4 d5]
6.Qd4?? -0.63/20 Blunder. Qg3 was best.
[6.Qg3]
[White should play 6.Qg3± 0.87/21]
6...Nc6!∓ 0.57 **7.Qc4** 0.78 **Be6?!** 0.25/22 Inaccuracy. a5 was best.
[7...a5 8.Nd5 Repels Nb4]
[7...a5∓ -0.56/21]
8.Qa4?? -1.93/20
[8.Nd5 Re8 9.Nf3 a5 10.a3 Dodges Nb4 Bxd5! 11.exd5 Bf8+ 12.Be2 Ne7 13.0-0 Nexd5 Strongly threatening ...Nb6! 14.Re1 a4]
[8.Nd5= 0.25/22 and White has nothing to worry.]

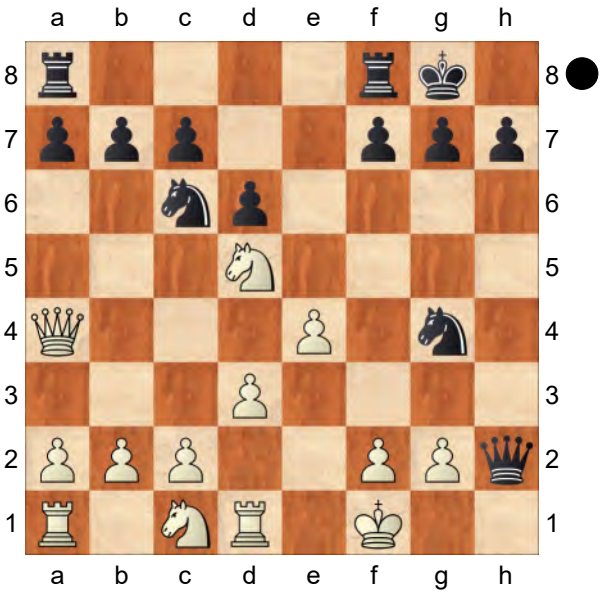
(Diagram)

Blunder. Nd5 was best. **8...Bg4??** 0.33/21 Blunder. a6 was best.
[8...a6! 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bxd5 11.c4 Be6 12.Nf3 d5 ...dxc4 is the strong threat. 13.a3 Bf6 Threatens to win with ...Re8. 14.Be2 Qd7 15.Qc2]
[8...a6!-+ -1.93/20 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bxd5]
9.Be2± 0.26 **Bxe2** 1.06/19 Inaccuracy.



Bd7 was best.
[9...Bd7 10.Nf3 a5! 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Nb5 c6 Prevents c4. 13.Na3 aiming for c3. b5 14.Qb3 Hoping for c3. Be6 15.c4 bxc4 16.Nxc4]
[9...Bd7± 0.34/21]
10.Ngxe2± 0.09
[But not 10.Kxe2?! a6 11.Nf3 b5=]
10...Ng4? 1.95/18 Mistake. d5 was best.
[10...d5 11.a3]
[10...d5± 1.06/19]
11.0-0 1.97 **Bg5** 2.46 **12.Nd5** 2.23 **Bxc1** 2.23 **13.Nxc1** 1.34/17 Inaccuracy. Raxc1 was best.
[13.Raxc1 Nf6 14.c4 Ne5 15.Qb3 Nxd5 16.cxd5 c5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.d4 Rb8 19.Qc3 Ng6]
[13.Raxc1+- 1.99/19 Nce5 14.h3]
13...Qh4?! 2.08/20 Inaccuracy. b5 was best.
[13...b5 14.Qa3]
[13...b5± 1.34/17 14.Qb3 *(14.Qxb5 Nd4=)* 14...Nd4]
14.Rd1?? -8.69/19 Blunder. h3 was best.
[14.h3]
[14.Nxc7? Qxh2#]
[14.h3+- 2.08/20]

14...Qxh2+-+ -5.27 **15.Kf1** -5.33



b5! -5.53 Deflection **16.Qxb5?!** -8.95 Inaccuracy. Ne2 was best.
[16.Ne2 Qh1+ 17.Ng1 bxa4 18.f3 f5 19.Re1 Qh4 20.Nh3 Prevents Qf2+ Nh2+ 21.Ke2 fxe4 22.f4 Qh5+]
[16.Ne3 Nxe3+]
16...Nd4 -7.34 **17.Qc6 Qh1#**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.91/ Black=0.55
0-1

C20

□ **Meier,Andreas**
■ **Ochs,Sebastian**
SJRH-ch U12 Worms (5) 02.01.2001
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
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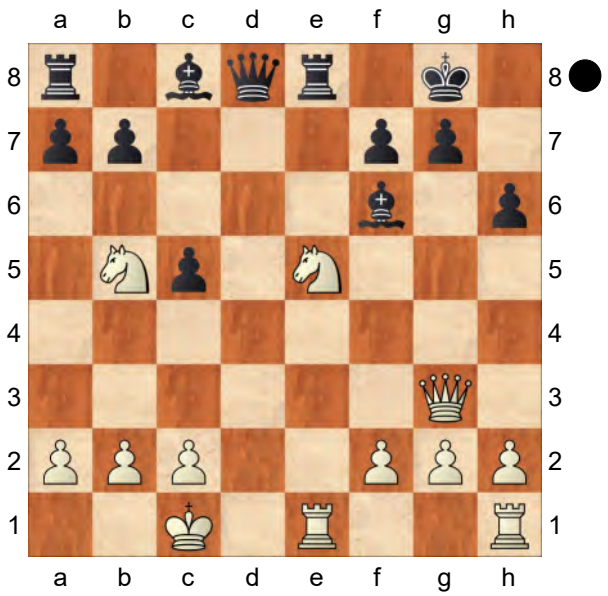
[4.Bc4 Nc6 5.Qf4 0-0 6.e5 Nxe5 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4 Ng4 9.h4 Ne5 10.h5 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qc3 Bf6 13.Qd3 Re8 14.h6 Bf5+ 15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6 Noble,D-Borngesser,A National Elementary Championships 1998]
4...0-0 5.d4N
[5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 1]
5...d6 1.09/24
[5...Nc6= -0.20/21 keeps the balance. 6.Qf4 Nxd4]
6.Qg3 Nc6 7.Bg5 0.45/23
[7.Be3!± 0.99/20]
7...Nxd4 0.94/22
[7...b5± 0.45/23]
8.0-0-0± White is better. **8...h6 9.Bxf6** 0.09/19
[9.Rxd4?! hxg5 10.a4 *(10.Qxg5? Nxe4* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *11.Qe3 Nxc3-+)* 10...c6∓]
[9.h4± 1.00/26 Nc6 10.f4 *(10.Bxh6 Nh5±)*]
9...Bxf6= 10.Nf3 -0.66/22
[10.f4= 0.09/23]
10...c5 0.60/22
[10...Nxf3∓ -0.66/22 11.gxf3 Bh4]
11.e5 -0.73/26
[11.Nd5± 0.60/22]
11...dxe5∓ ...Bf5 is the strong threat.
12.Nxe5 -1.51/21
[⌓12.Ne4 -0.87/22]
12...Re8 13.Re1 -3.79/23
[13.Nf3 -1.88/20]
13...Qd6? 0.00/23
[13...Nf5-+ -3.79/23 14.Qd3 Bxe5 15.Qxd8 Bf4+ Discovered Attack, Zwischenzug 16.Kb1 Rxd8]
14.Ne4= Deflection **14...Qd5** 12.91/20
[14...Qxe5? 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Rxe8+ Kh7 17.Bd3+ g6 18.Rhe1+-]
[14...Qe7= 0.00/23 15.Nxf7 *(15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Re3 Bf5∓)* 15...Kxf7 16.Nd6+ Qxd6 17.Bc4+ Qe6 18.Bxe6+ Bxe6]
15.Nc3? -0.69/20
[15.Nxf6++- 12.91/20 Kf8 16.Ng6+ *(16.Nxd5 Be6+-; 16.Nxe8 Ne6+-)* 16...fxg6 17.Rxe8+ *(17.Nxd5 Rxe1+ 18.Kd2 Re8+-)* 17...Kf7 18.Nxd5 Kxe8 19.Nc7+ *(19.Qxg6+ Kf8 20.Qd6+ Kf7 21.Qe7+ Kg8 22.Qe8+ Kh7 23.Ne7 Bf5 24.Qxa8 h5)* 19...Kf7 20.Nxa8]
15...Qd8!∓ Hoping for ...Nf5. Black is more active. **16.Bb5** -2.11/17
[16.Bc4∓ -0.71/20 Be6 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.Kb1]
16...Nxb5-+ 17.Nxb5

(Diagram)

Qd5 3.13/22
[17...Bh4!-+ -2.16/21 avoids the disaster. 18.Qe3 a6]
18.Qd3 -3.84/20
[18.Nc7+- 3.13/22 is the narrow road to win. Qxa2 19.Nxe8 *(19.Nxa8? Bxe5 20.Qa3 Bf4+ 21.Re3 Qxa3-+* Pin *)* 19...Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Qa5+



21.Ke3]

18...Qxd3 -0.03/26
[18...Rxe5? 19.Qxd5 Rxd5 20.Nc7 Bg5+ 21.Kb1-+]
[18...Qxg2? 19.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1-+]
[18...Qxa2-+ -3.84/20 19.Nxf7 Rxe1+ *(19...Qxf7? 20.Nd6-+; 19...Bxb2+? 20.Kd2-+)* 20.Rxe1 Bxb2+ *(20...Qxf7 21.Nd6∓)* 21.Kd2 Qxf7]

19.Nxd3= Bg5+ 0.90/22 A strong pair of Bishops.
[19...Rxe1+= -0.03/26 20.Rxe1 Bd7]

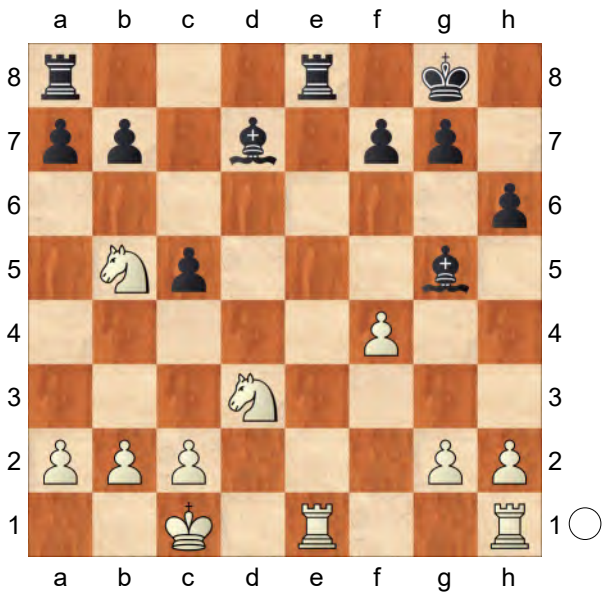
20.f4± Bd7 1.75/21
[20...Rxe1+!± 0.66/25 21.Rxe1 Bd7]

(Diagram)

21.Nc7? 0.15/19
[Better is 21.Rxe8+!+- 1.75/21 Bxe8 22.Nc7]

21...Rxe1+= 22.Kd2? -6.91/17
[22.Rxe1= 0.21/17 Rc8 23.Nd5 *(23.fxg5 Rxc7 24.gxh6 gxh6±)*]

22...Rxh1-+ 23.Nxa8 c4 24.Nf2 Bxf4+ 25.Kc3 Rxh2 26.Kxc4 Rxg2 27.Nd3 Be6+ 28.Kd4 Rxc2 29.Nxf4 Rxb2



30.Nxe6 fxe6 Endgame. KR-KN
31.Nc7 Rxa2 32.Nxe6 Ra4+ 33.Kd5 h5 34.Kc5 h4 35.Kb5 Re4 36.Ng5 Re5+ Black mates. **37.Kb4 Rxg5** KR-K **38.Kc3 h3 39.Kd2 h2 40.Ke2 h1Q 41.Kf2 Qh4+ 42.Kf3 Qh6 43.Kf4 Qf6+ 44.Ke4 Re5+ 45.Kd3 Qd6+ 46.Kc2 Rc5+ 47.Kb1 Qb6+ 48.Ka1 Ra5#**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/ Black=0.87
0-1

C20

□ **Noble,Daniel**
■ **Borngesser,A**
National Elementary Championships 1998
[Yasser Seirawan]

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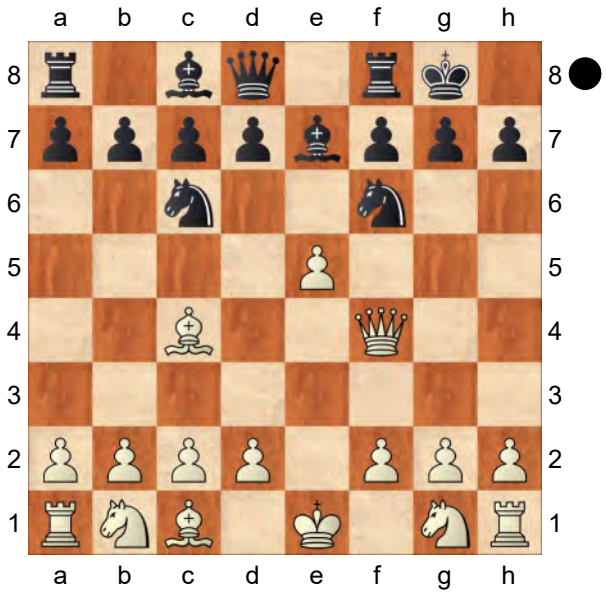
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 I look at this move with a knowing smile of understanding. How exciting! Will Black see the threat to the e5-pawn? **2...Nf6?** No, the threat is overlooked! As I've previously demonstrated, there is no reason not to protect the e5-pawn.
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qd1 *(4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.g4 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.a4 Bd7 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.0-0 g5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0* 1-0 (41) Jekabs Georgs,I (2514)-Varela Garcia,M (2177) Sautron op 11th 2011 (5.9) *)* 4...Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4)]
3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Bc4N
[4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Game Chapter 8 Game 1]
[4.d3 Nc6 5.Qg3 d5 6.e5 Ng4 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Nxe3 10.Qxg7 Rf8 11a) Wayward Queen Attack,V-Scholar's Mate #5]
4...Nc6! Very good. The raiding Queen is attacked and a piece is developed with tempo. **5.Qf4 0-0** -0.23/20
[5...d5∓ -0.58/17 is superior. 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5]
[5...d5∓ -0.69/20 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5]
6.e5? -0.84/21
[Much better is developing a piece with 6.Nc3 .]
[6.Nc3= -0.18/19 keeps the balance.]
[6.Nc3= -0.23/20]



Played in the spirit of the raiding Queen opening, White makes threats as quickly as possible. **6...Nxe5??** 0.89/18
This mistake costs a Knight. **7.Qxe5±** Things are certainly going in White's favor. He has now won a piece and enjoys a winning position. All of this in only seven moves! Be2 is the strong threat. aiming for Be2. **7...d6** 2.25/19
Undeterred by the early setback of material loss, Black continues by developing a pawn with tempo. Unfortunately, this move has a drawback: The e7-Bishop is locked in behind Black's f6-Knight and d6-pawn.

This is important because the only open file in the position is the e-file and the e7-Bishop is therefore misplaced. A Rook belongs on the e-file!

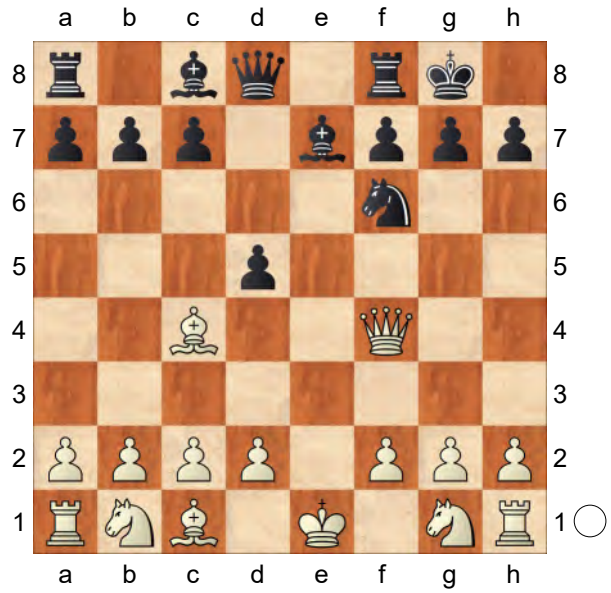
[Stronger therefore is 7...d5! , attacking White's Bishop. After. Strongly threatening ...Bd6! And now ...Bd6! would win. 8.Be2! Black must now prevent d3. Bd6! 1.91/19 White's Queen is forced to move yet again. In this case, Black is coordinating her pawns and pieces and is beginning to get some play for the lost piece. *(8...Re8±* 1.34/17*; 8...Re8±* 1.08/18 *)*]

[7...Re8± 1.11/24 8.Be2 d5]

[7...d5± 0.98/24]

8.Qf4+- White is clearly better. White is clearly better. **8...Ng4?** 3.21/20

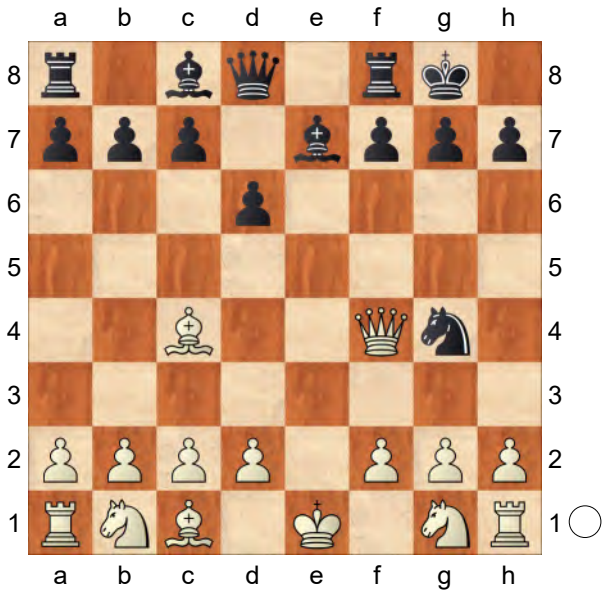
[As pointed out before, a stronger move is 8...d5!



And now ...Bd6! would win. Hoping for ...Bd6! 9.Be2! Bd6 , developing Black's forces with gain of time.]

[⌓8...d5 2.27/19]

(Diagram)



The idea behind the move is to play 9... Bg5, attacking White's Queen. **9.h4?** 1.74/20 This looks like the start of a bad idea. Is White combining a Queen Raid and a Cannon Opening? Dodges Bg5

9...Ne5? 3.34/20

[9...Bxh4 1.89/19 is a better defense. 10.g3 Bg5]

[9...Bxh4 1.74/20 was called for. 10.g3 Bg5]

10.h5? 1.44/19 This continues to waste time pursuing an attack that is going nowhere.

[Again, 10.Nf3 is the correct move. White's wasted moves allow Black to get back into the game.]

[10.Nc3+- 3.32/20]

[10.Nc3+- 3.34/20]

10...Nxc4?! 2.84/18 Although it's not a bad move, if's not the best.

[Black could make White's position uncomfortable by attacking White's Queen with 10...Bg5! . The Queen is forced to move and to still lend protection to the c4-Bishop. After 11.Qe4 Hoping for Be2. Black must now prevent Be2. Re8 , the e-file has been cleared with tempo and Black

has developed some threats.]
[10...Bg5± 1.41/17 was called for. 11.Qe4 Re8]
[10...Bg5± 1.44/19 11.Qe4 Re8]

11.Qxc4 Be6 A fine move. While Black has mixed good and bad moves, young Allison has a fine understanding of attacking White's Queen while developing her pawns and pieces. Still, it must be pointed out that the e6-Bishop's new station occupies the e-file.
[Once again the move 11...d5! should have been preferred.]

12.Qc3 White continues to flounder. The Queen is getting bumped around pretty severely.
[It would have been better to get out of the way by 12.Qa4]
[or play 12.Qb5 with a potential capture of the b7-pawn. This latter move could have been expected as it neatly fits the concept of the Queen Raid. White might have been attracted to 12.Qc3? because in combination with the move h5-h6, a checkmating threat against the g7-pawn would have been created.]

12...Bf6! Black is on a roll! She attacks White's Queen yet again. **13.Qd3** White is losing valuable time.
[He should play 13.d4 , blocking the threat to his Queen and releasing his c1-Bishop for action.]

13...Re8! With another fine move, Black brings her Rook to the open e-file and creates a tactical threat. ...Bc4+ would now be deadly. ...Bc4+ is the strong threat. **14.h6??** -4.15/19 Filled with dreams of glory, White is oblivious to Black's threat.
[White should develop with 14.Ne2 , blocking the e-file. The text move is typical of inexperienced players who concentrate only on what they are doing - not what the opponent might be thinking.]
[14.Kf1+- 2.65/17 and life is good for White.]
[14.Kf1+- 2.39/18 avoids the disaster.]

14...Bf5+! A shocking double attack, the 'discovered check' by the e8-Rook doesn't allow the capture of the f5-Bishop. White is forced to lose his Queen. A strong pair of Bishops. This pair of bishops is nice.
[14...Bxa2+? 3.51/20 14...Bc4+ -4.14 loses. 15.Ne2 Bxb1 16.hxg7 *(16.Rxb1 g6+-)* 16...Bxg7 17.Qxh7+ *(17.Rxb1 h6+-)* 17...Kf8 Threatens to win with ...Qe7! 18.Rxb1+-]
[14...Bxa2+? perishes. 15.Ne2 Bxb1 16.hxg7 *(16.Rxb1 g6+-)* 16...Bxg7 17.Qxh7+ *(17.Rxb1 h6+-)* 17...Kf8 18.Rxb1+-]

15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6
. Black won the game in 39 moves. --- Many lessons can be drawn from the above game fragment: Beginning players enjoy using their big guns, their Queens and Rooks, early - often to the exclusion of all the other pieces. --- The Queen Raid is effective when threats are overlooked. --- Against a proper defense, the Queen is vulnerable to attack and is often left stranded.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/ Black=0.80.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/ Black=0.82

C20

☐ **Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gamb**

■ **Scotch Gambit,odd 2nd moves**

[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

Sasikiran,K: 'Inf 93/229' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5** I didn't want to cover this silly move, but did so in order to make all the readers feel that we've got everything covered. Nakamura played it on a few occasions, but that doesn't mean anything: he could go 1. h4 or 1. a4 and win as well, simply because he is a better player. In fact, this just loses a lot of time.

[2.d4 exd4

A) 3.c3 d5 It's possible to take on c3, but why would you do that if there is a simple way to solve all of our problems ?

A1) 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 doesn't make sense as after 5...Nc6 6. cxd4 it would just transpose. 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4

A1a) 7.Be2 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qc4 The key move - White cannot castle.

A1a1) 10.Qb3 Qxd4 Gives White a strong initiative after Be3 ! and Rd1. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o *(10...Qxb3 11.axb3* We have reached a balanced endgame where White needs to be careful. *Nge7 12.Be3 0-0-0* Black attacks the d4-pawn. Keep in mind that the Black a7-pawn is also hanging, don't forget to defend it ! *13.0-0* Both a6 and a5 look good to me here. It's not too important which move you choose, but I like a6 !? better as it is making sure this pawn will stay protected. *a6* The position is very solid and suitable to play for a win. We have no weaknesses and White's bishop pair isn't particularly useful, while he needs to keep a close eye on his weak d4-pawn. Our next moves are Rhe8 and Nf5. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o *)*;

A1a2) 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 Now it's desirable not to allow White to castle, so Black takes with the pawn. 11.Qe2+ Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 0-0-0 13.Be3 Ne7 The endgame is roughly balanced - White has a weak pawn on d4 while Black has a great outpost on d5, but Black's queenside pawns are somewhat loose. We will play Rhe8 followed by Nf5 or Nd5. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o;

A1b) 7.Nc3 Now 7...Bb4 8. Be2 is a direct transposition to the mainline. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o;

A2) 4.Qxd4 Is a weird move, White will lose a lot of time with his queen. 4...dxe4 5.Qxe4+ Be7 Preparing Nf6. 6.Bg5 Nd7 Nf6 without Nd7 wouldn't be

good because of Bxf6 ! 7.Nf3 Ngf6 With a clear advantage - the position is symmetrical and White is behind in development. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o;

B) 3.Qxd4 It is well-known that Black has a good game here. There is no need to come up with striking novelties, well-known solution will do just fine. It is well-known that Black has a good game here. Fortunately, in such a rare/innocent line you can use well-known solutions. It is not necessary to come up with striking novelties. Nc6 4.Qe3 White's main idea in this variation is to quickly develop with Nc3, Bd2, O-O-O, Qg3 and then search for an attack. However, one simple line for Black questions all of this. The main idea of this variation for White is to develop fast by playing Nc3, Bd2, castle long, put the queen on g3 and then get some attacking ideas. However, one simple line for Black puts all this under a question. Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8
So far everything was forced - both sides were just developing. Now Black is taking aim on the e4-pawn. So far everything was forced - both sides were just developing. Now Black is keeping an eye on the e4-pawn.

B1) 8.Qg3 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Rxe4

B1a) 10.c3 This is the main line in this variation, if anything can even be considered to be a main line in such an offbeat opening. Be7 There is one fine point which you'd rather remember. There is one fine point though which you'd rather remember. 11.Bd3 Now it's possible to retreat, but the key move that gives us great play is *(11.f4 d5 12.Bd3* And now it's crucial to learn the following strong idea. *Bf5 13.Bxe4 Bxe4*
Instead of retreating, we pay a small material price and seize the initiative ourselves ! White's king and the b1-h7 diagonal are both quite weak, making Black clearly the stronger side here. One idea I want to point out is Qd7, Bg6 and Qf5 after which White will have a hard time defending against the mating threats. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o *)* 11...Bh4 12.Qf3 Re8
And Black is doing great. The White knight on g1 feels pretty bad. We play d6, Qf6 and Be6. That's it ! Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit, o;

B1b) 10.Bxb4 Nxb4 11.a3 Nc6 12.Bd3 Re8 It is unclear why White would give up the pawn in this position, but White sometimes plays this with hopes of quickly developing. 13.Nf3 d6 14.Rhe1 White is trying to trade Black's developed pieces, claiming that he can get some attacking chances due to having all of the active pieces in the game. I would suggest a calm defensive

move. h6 Taking control of the g5-square. We continue with Be6 and Qf6, after which I don't see any compensation for White. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit, o;

B2) 8.f3 Runs into a typical idea. 8...d5 When Black immediately gets a big advantage. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o;

C) 3.Nf3 Nc6 Is a direct transposition to the Scotch Game after 4. Nxd4. However, it is also worth taking a look at the Scotch Gambit, which arises after 4. Bc4. 4.Bc4 Bc5 I like this move better than 4... Nf6 for the purposes of our repertoire, because after 4... Nf6 5.e5 we end up in the Two Knights variation of Italian, which we don't play. There it arises after 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 ed 5. e5.

C1) 5.0-0 White might hope for 5... Nf6, which transposes to one of the Italian gambits which we don't play. After 5... d6 ! White isn't going to get that transposition, and neither is he getting the pawn back. d6 6.c3 Now it's possible to capture on c3, but I like the following moves even better. Bg4 Now 7.cxd4 Nxd4 is simply horrible for White, but he has the following forcing attempt. 7.Qb3 Bxf3 8.Bxf7+ Kf8 9.gxf3 Black shouldn't worry about the fact that he lost a pawn on f7 and with it the right to castle, because White's king is permanently weak and our development is great. dxc3 If White instead took 10.bxc3, trying to cover the d4-square, we would find another route to come visit the White king - 10...Ne5! This is the most forcing solution. 10.Nxc3 *(10.Bxg8 Rxg8 11.Nxc3 Qd7* With a great position. Our king isn't weak at all, while White has a weakened king and a lot of weak squares, such as d4. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o *)* 10...Nd4 Wins immediately for Black, because both the f3-pawn and the f7-bishop are attacked. 11.Qc4 Nxf3+ 12.Kg2 Ne5 And Black wins the bishop. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o;

C2) 5.c3 Nf6 Is a direct transposition to the Italian with 4. c3 Nf6 5. d4. Odd 2nd Moves and Scotch Gambi-Scotch Gambit,o]

2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6

And Black is already ahead in development. The White queen on f3 also makes it difficult to find a good square for the White knight. **5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3** And now I would suggest taking the White bishop.

7...Na5N

[7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nh7 13.0-0 c6 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #5]

[7...Bg4 8.Qg3 Qd7 9.f3 Be6 10.Bg5 Nh5 11.Qh4 h6 12.Be3 Na5 13.Bb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 a6 15.d4 Qe7 16.Qf2 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nf6 18.0-0-0 0-0-0 19.Nf4 Rhg8 20.Rhe1 Kb8 21.Kb1 g5 22.Nfe2 0-1 (87) Nakamura,H (2657)-Sasikiran,K

(2642) Malmoe/Kobenhavn 93/229 2005]

8.Bb5+ -0.57/18
[8.Nd5= -0.10/20 was preferrable. h6 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Qxf6 Bxf6 11.b3]

8...c6∓ 9.Ba4 -0.97/19
[9.Bg5!∓ -0.57/22 Be6 *(9...cxb5 10.Nd5=)* 10.Ba4]

9...b5 10.Bb3 And Black doesn't need to capture it right now (even though he can) , he can take the bishop at a moment of his choosing. And Black doesn't need to capture it right now (even though he can) , he can take the bishop at a moment of his choosing. And Black doesn't need to capture it right now (even though he can) , he can take the bishop at a moment of his choosing. And Black doesn't need to capture it right now (even though he can) , he can take the bishop at a moment of his choosing. And Black doesn't need to capture it right now (even though he can) , he can take the bishop at a moment of his choosing. Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

C20

□ **Olcal,Arya**
■ **Erceylan,Gulay**
TUR-ch (Women) (8) 08.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
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[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qd1 *(4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.g4 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.a4 Bd7 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.0-0 g5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0* 1-0 (41) Jekabs Georgs,I (2514)-Varela Garcia,M (2177) Sautron op 11th 2011 (5.9) *)* 4...Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-

Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4)]

3.Qxe5+ Qe7N

[3...Be7 4.Bc4 *(4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4* Chapter-Game Chapter 8 Game 1 *)* 4...Nc6 5.Qf4 0-0 6.e5 Nxe5 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4 Ng4 9.h4 Ne5 10.h5 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Be6 12.Qc3 Bf6 13.Qd3 Re8 14.h6 Bf5+ 15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6 Noble,D-Borngesser,A National Elementary Championships 1998]

4.Qxe7+ Bxe7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 0-0 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.d3 White is clearly better. **8...c5 9.Bg5 Bd7** 2.08/19

[⌓9...h6 1.68/19]

10.Bxf6 1.11/19

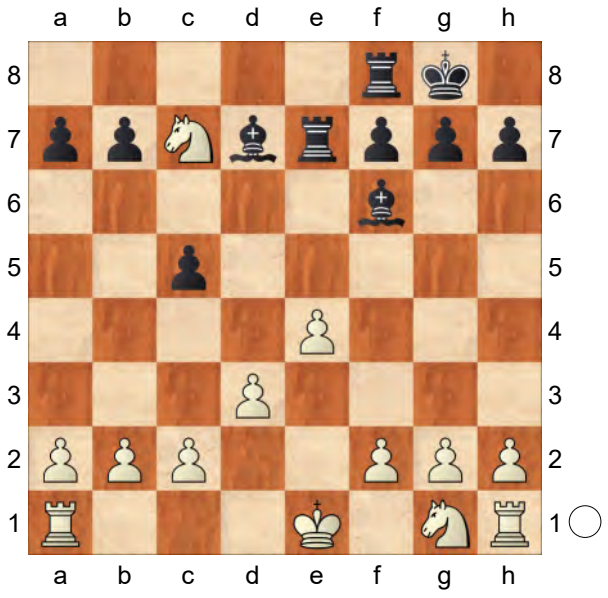
[White should try 10.f3+- 2.08/19]

10...Bxf6± 11.Nd5 Rae8 2.22/20

[11...Bxb2± 0.89/18 12.Rb1 Ba3]

12.Nxc7 Re7 3.22/19

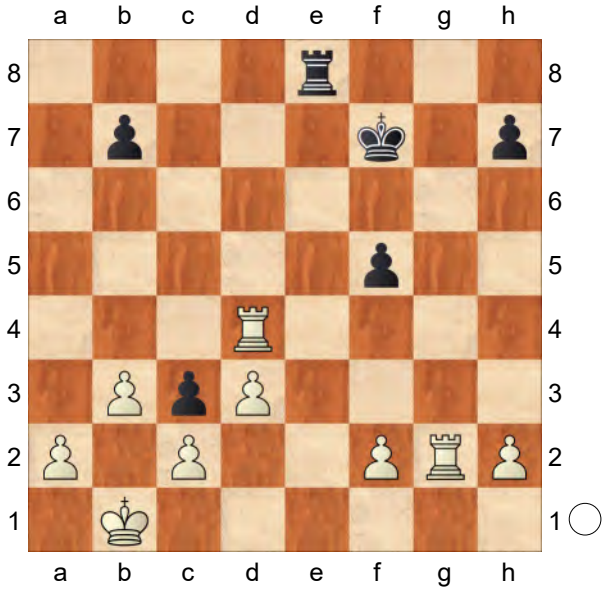
[12...Bxb2± 1.42/18 13.Rb1 Bc3+ 14.Ke2 Rb8]



13.Nd5+- Re6 14.Nxf6+ gxf6 15.0-0-0 c4 16.Nf3 Bb5 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 Endgame. KRR-KRB **19.Kb1 c3 20.b3 f5 21.exf5 exf5 22.Rhe1 a5 23.Re5 Bd7 24.Rxa5 Rf8 25.Rd5 Bc6 26.Rd4 Bxg2** 7.08/18

[⌓26...Re8 4.87/15 27.Rf4 Re5]

27.Rg1 Kf7 28.Rxg2 Re8



29.Rd7+ Kf6 30.a3

[30.Rxh7? Re1#]

30...Re1+ 31.Ka2 Re2 32.Kb1 Re1+ 33.Ka2 Re2 34.Kb1? 0.00/67

[34.b4+- 7.63/20 h6 35.Kb3 *(35.Rxb7 Rxc2+ 36.Kb3 Rc1+-; 35.Rd6+ Kf7+-)*]

34...Re1+!= 35.Ka2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.58

½-½

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□ **Open Game Various**

■ **2.♕h5/ 2.♕f3**

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[ChessBase]

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5

[2.Qf3 b6 *(2...d5 3.exd5 h5 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.d6 Bxd6 6.Qxf7#*

1-0 Liepuonis,K-Mathiasen,N/ Marijampole op 1994*; 2...Nf6 3.Bc4 d6 4.h3 Nc6 5.Ne2 Be7 6.a3 a6 7.Nbc3 Be6 8.Nd5 Bxd5 9.Bxd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Nb8 11.0-0 0-0 12.d4 Nd7 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Rfe1 Bf6 17.c4 b6 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Re8 20.f4 Nc5 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Qg3 Qe4 23.Nc6 Re8 24.b3 Nd3 25.Rf1 Nc5 26.f5 f6 27.Qf3* Gerks-Berendse/ Bargteheide op 1988/0-1 (49) *)* 3.Bc4 Bb7 4.Qxf7# 1-0 Mathiasen,N-Timis, A/Timisoara op 1995]

2...Nc6

[2...Bb4 3.Bc4 Qe7 4.Nf3 g6 5.Qxe5 Qxe5 6.Nxe5 d6 7.Nxf7 d5 8.Bxd5 c6 9.Nxh8 cxd5 10.exd5 Na6 11.0-0 Kf8 12.c3 Bc5 13.b4 Bb6 14.b5 Nc5 15.Ba3 Bf5 16.Bxc5+ Bxc5 17.Re1 b6 18.Na3 Nh6 19.Nc4 Ng4 20.Re2 Bd3 21.Re6 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Bxc4 23.h3 Bxd5 24.Rd6 Bc4 25.hxg4 Bxb5 26.Rf6+ Kg7 27.Rxf2 Kxh8 28.Rf7 Kg8 29.Raf1 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 a5 31.Rf6 b5 32.d4 b4 33.cxb4 axb4 34.Rf2 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.g3 Rd8 37.Rd2 Kg7 38.d5 Kf7 39.Rd4 Ke7 40.Rxb4 Rxd5 41.Re4+ Kd6 42.a4 Ra5 43.Rh4 Kc6 44.Kh2 Kb6 45.Kh3 Ka6 46.g4 hxg4+ 47.Rxg4 Artner,B-Lueftenegger,I/AUT-chJW U10 Schladming 1994/0-1 (62)]

[2...d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.Bc4 g6 5.Qf3 Ngf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.Qd3 Nb6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.Na4 Nxa4 12.Bxa4 dxe4 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.h3 Be6 15.Bb3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Bh6 17.Rd1 Nd5 18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.bxc3 e3 20.fxe3 Bxe3+ 21.Kf1 Bf4 22.d4 Bxc1 23.Raxc1 exd4 24.cxd4 Rd7 25.Rd2 Rad8 26.Rcd1 a5 27.c4 b5 28.cxb5 cxb5 29.Ke2 a4 30.bxa4 bxa4 31.Ke3 Kg7 32.Ra1 Ra7 33.Rda2 ½-½ Schnabl,T-Kandioller,S/AUT-chJM U10 1995]

[2...Qf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nf3 *(4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.Nd5 0-0-0 12.Ne3 Nf6 13.d3 Bxe3 14.Bxe3 a6 15.a4 d5 16.f3 Nh5 17.Rfb1 Rhf8 18.b4 d4 19.Bd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Qd2 Rd6 22.b5 Rb6 23.bxa6 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 Qxa6 25.Qb4 Rd8 26.Rb3 Rd6 27.e5 Rd8 28.Qe7 f6* Niekisch,D-Dewald,M/RH-op Wallertheim 1994/1-0 (48) *)* 4...g6 5.Qg5 Qxg5 6.Nxg5 Nf6 7.Nxf7 Rf8 8.Nxe5 Nxe4 9.f3 Nd6 10.c3 Nf5 11.d4 Be7 12.0-0 d6 13.Ng4 Nc6 14.Re1 Na5 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Bg5 0-0-0 17.Bxf5 Bxg5 18.Bxd7+ Rxd7 19.d5 Rdd8 20.Na3 h5 21.Nf2 Rfe8 22.b4 Bd2 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Ne4 Be3+ 25.Kf1 Re5 26.bxa5 Rxd5 27.g3 Rxa5 28.Nc4 Rf5 29.Ncxd6+ cxd6 30.Nxd6+ Kd7 31.Nxf5 gxf5 32.c4 Bd4 33.Rd1 1-0 Frankenfeld,D-Hug,S/GER-chJM U11 1996]

[2...Nf6! 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Bc4 d6 *(4...0-0 5.Nh3 Nc6 6.Qb5 a6 7.Qe5 Nxe5 8.Bd3 Nxd3+ 9.Kd1 Nxc1 10.Kxc1 d5 11.Nc3 dxe4 12.Re1 Ng4 13.Nxe4 Nxh2 14.Nhg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.Re3 Qxg2 17.b3 Qxf2 18.c4 Qf1+ 19.Kb2 Qf6+ 20.Kb1 Qd4 21.d3 Qxe3 22.Kc2 Qd4 23.Rh1 Nf3 24.Rh3 Bxh3 25.a4 Rae8 26.Kd1 Qb2 27.d4 Re1#* 0-1 Prochadzkova-Stodolova/ CZE-chJW Svetla 1994 *)* 5.Qf4 0-0 6.Qe3 d5 7.exd5 Qe8 8.Nf3 Bc5 9.Qxe8 Rxe8+ 10.Be2 Bg4 11.d3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.Nc3 Nb4

14.a3 Nxc2+ 15.Kd2 Nxa1 16.Na4 Bxf2 17.Kc3 Nc6 18.Rf1 Rxe2 19.b4 Rc2# 0-1 Schnabl,T-Bauer,R/AUT-chJM U10 1995]

3.Bc4

[3.Qf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nd4 5.Qd1 Bb4 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.Nd5 0-0 8.Nxb4 Nxb4 9.Nc3 d6 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Re8 15.f4 exf4 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.d4 Nh5 18.Ne2 f3 19.gxf3 Qg6+ 20.Ng3 Nxc2 21.Rb1 Nb4 22.Bd2 Nc6 23.Bc3 Nxg3 24.hxg3 Qxg3+ 25.Kf1 Rf8 26.Be1 Rxf3+ 27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Bf2 Qxf2# 0-1 Artner,B-Haeusl,K/AUT-chJW U10 Schladming 1994]

3...g6

[3...Nh6 4.d3 g6 5.Qf3 f6 6.Ne2 d5 7.exd5 Bg4 8.Qe3 Bxe2 9.dxc6 b6 10.Qxe2 Nf5 11.c3 Bd6 12.Be6 Ng7 13.Bd7+ Kf8 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Bh6+ Kf7 16.d4 b5 17.c4 Qe7 18.cxb5 g5 19.Qxh5+ Kg8 20.d5 1-0 Braksa,H-Mellon,P/WchJW-U12 Romania 1991]

4.Qf3 Bh6N

[⌓4...Nf6! 5.Nh3 *(5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 5...Nd4 6.Qd3 d5 7.exd5 Bf5 8.Qc3 Bb4 9.Qxb4 Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxb4-+]

5.Qxf7# A rather calm draw.

C20

□ **Ordinov,Andrey**

■ **Korneev,Alexander**

Zenit vs Spartak Fans blitz (2.8) 1.12.19

[Kitty Kat]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves

Gareev,T: 'Inf 95/215' **1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Qf6**

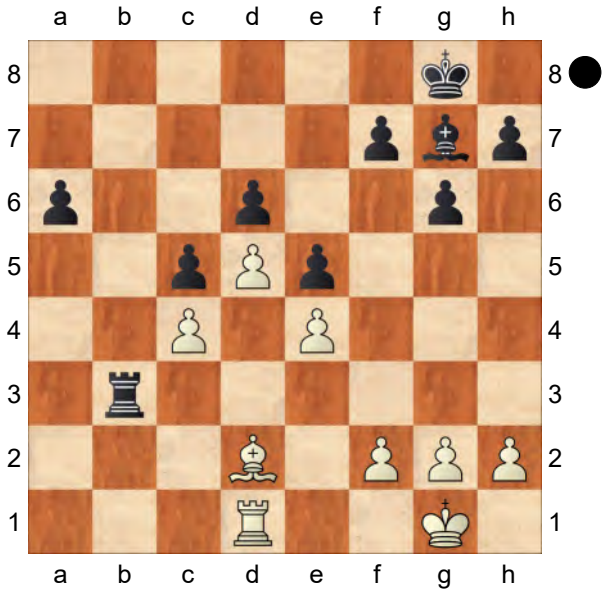
[4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 h6 *(6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+* 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18) *)* 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 g5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Ne3 c6 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 18.Ng3 d5 19.0-0 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (2.38)]

5.d3N

[5.Qd1 Bg7 6.Nc3 d6 7.d3 Na5 8.Nf3 Nxc4 9.dxc4 h6 10.Be3 Be6 11.Qd3 a6 12.0-0-0 Ne7 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Kb8 15.Nb3 h5 16.Na5 Bh6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Bc8 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 1-0 (28) Gareev,T (2498)-Egin,V (2449) (ch) 95/215 Uzbekistan 2005 20.Qb3 Ka8 21.Qc4 Qe7 22.Rhe1 f5 23.Re3 Rh7 24.Rb3 Rf8 25.Nc6 Qg5+ 26.Kb1 Bd7 27.Qb4 Bc8 28.Qb5 1-0 Gossler,S (2498)-Hesse,M (2449) Magyarorszag 5/574 1968]

5...Nd4 6.Qxf6 Nxf6 7.Bb3 Bg7 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Nxb3 9.axb3 d6 10.Nc3 c6** Against Nb5 **11.0-0 0-0**

12.b4 a6 0.15/18
[⌓12...Bg4 -0.22/23]
13.b5= c5 0.69/20
[13...cxb5= 0.22/14 14.Nxb5 Pin Rd8]
14.bxa6 Rxa6 15.Rxa6 bxa6 16.Nd5 -0.18/20
[Better is 16.Bg5± 0.71/19]
16...Nxd5 17.exd5 Bb7 18.c4 Bc8 19.Ng5 Bf5 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.dxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **21...Rb8 22.Rd1** -0.81/21
[22.f3= -0.15/20 keeps the balance.]
22...Rb4∓ 23.b3 Rxb3 24.Bd2 -3.21/19
[24.Kf1∓ -0.99/18 is a better defense.]



Prevents a5. **24...Rd3!-+** Threatens to win with ...Bh6. **25.Kf1 Bh6?** -0.04/23
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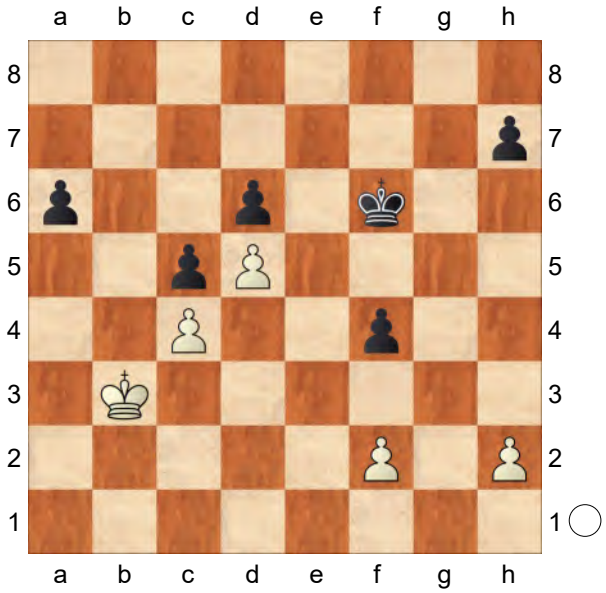
26.Ke2= Rxd2+ 27.Rxd2 Bxd2 28.Kxd2 KP-KP **28...f5 29.exf5?** -4.87/23 White is on the road to losing.
[29.Kc3= 0.00/29 Kg7 *(29...fxe4 30.Kb3=)* 30.Kb3 fxe4 31.Ka4]
29...gxf5-+ 30.g3 Kf7 And now ...Kf6 would win. **31.Kc3 Kf6 32.Kb3 f4 33.gxf4 exf4**



Strongly threatening ...Ke5. **34.f3 Ke5 35.Ka4 Kd4 36.Kb3 a5 37.h4 h5 38.Ka4 Kxc4 39.Kxa5 Kxd5 40.Kb5 Kd4** -23.59/27
[⌓40...c4 -#12/25 41.Kb4 Kd4 42.Kb5 c3 43.Kb6 c2 44.Kc6 c1Q+ *(44...c1B* gets mated. *45.Kd7 d5 46.Ke6 Kc4 47.Kf5 d4 48.Kg6 Kd5 49.Kxh5 d3 50.Kg5 Ke6 51.h5 d2 52.Kxf4 d1Q+ 53.Kg4 Qg1+ 54.Kh4 Bf4 55.h6 Qg5+ 56.Kh3 Qg3#; 44...d5* is a self mate. *45.Kd6 c1Q 46.Ke6 Qe3+ 47.Kf7 Ke5 48.Kg7 Qa7+ 49.Kg6 Qe7 50.Kxh5 Qf6 51.Kg4 Qf5#)* 45.Kxd6 Qa3+ 46.Kc7 Kc5 *(46...Qxf3 47.Kd6 Qd5+ 48.Ke7 Ke5 49.Kf8 Kf6 50.Ke8 Qd2 51.Kf8 Qd8#)* 47.Kd7 Qe3 *(47...Qxf3 48.Ke7 Qg3 49.Kf8 f3 50.Kf7 f2 51.Kf6 f1Q+ 52.Ke7 Qc7+ 53.Ke8 Qff7#)* 48.Kc8 Kc6 *(48...Qxf3 49.Kd8 Kd6 50.Ke8 Qb7 51.Kf8 Qh7 52.Ke8 Qg8#)* 49.Kd8 Qe5 50.Kc8 Qh8#]
41.Kc6 d5 Black mates. **42.Kd6 c4 43.Ke6 c3 44.Kf5 c2 45.Kxf4 c1Q+**

46.Kg3 Ke3 47.f4 Qd1 48.Kg2 Qf3+ 49.Kg1 Qe2 50.Kh1 Kf3 51.f5 Qg2#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.41
0-1

C20

□ **Piatrouski,Makar**
■ **Zianevich,Uliana**
KASPERSKY OPEN U16 2021 blitz (11...
[Kitty Kat]

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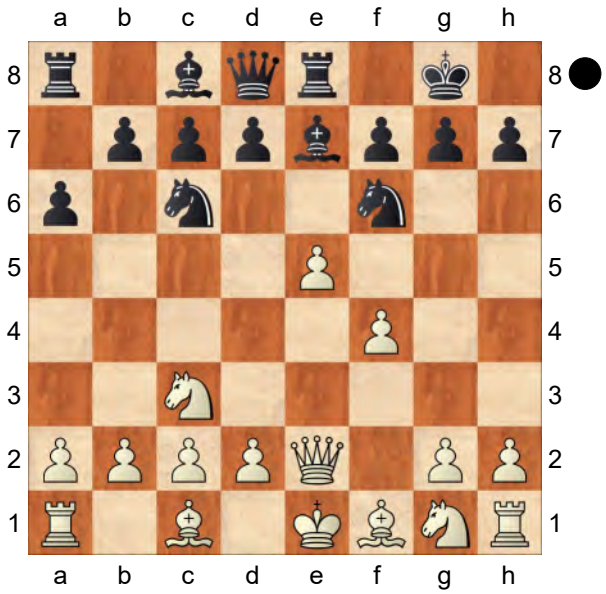
3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Nc3 Nc6N
[4...0-0 5.Bc4 Re8 6.Qg3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 Bd6 9.Qf3 Rxe4+ 10.Ne2 Bg4 Chapter-Game Chapter 8 Game 1]
5.Qb5 a6 Black has compensation.
6.Qe2 0-0 7.e5 -1.17/18
[White should try 7.Nf3∓ -0.34/20]
7...Re8∓ aiming for ...Bc5. **8.f4?** -3.82/17
[8.exf6? Bxf6 9.Ne4 d5-+]
[8.Nf3∓ -1.18/20]



8...d6!-+ 9.Nf3
[Much worse is 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.h3 *(10.Ne4? Nd4-+)* 10...Nd4 *(10...Rxe2+? 11.Ngxe2 b5 12.d3-+)*]
[9.d3 dxe5]
9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bd6 11.Qd1 Nxe5 12.fxe5 -6.33/19
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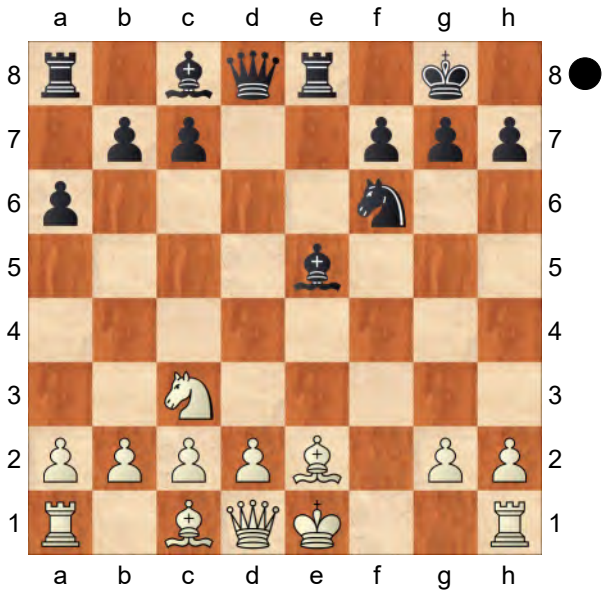
12...Bxe5 13.Be2



Nh5! 14.Ne4
[14.d4 Qh4+]
14...Qh4+ 15.Kf1 Bd4 16.c3 Rxe4

17.cxd4 Ng3+? -3.84/19
[17...Bg4 -9.79/18 (-> ...Rae8!)
18.Bxg4 Rae8 *(18...Qxg4? 19.Qxg4 Rxg4 20.d3-+; 18...Rxg4? 19.Qe2-+)*]
18.hxg3 Qxh1+ 19.Kf2 Qh6
And now ...Qf6+ would win. **20.d3 Qf6+ 21.Bf4 Re7 22.Kg1 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Bf5 24.Qd2 Rae8** Black is clearly winning. **25.Bf3 c5 26.Rd1 h6 27.b3 g5 28.g4 Bd7 29.Bh2 Re3 30.Bg1 Bxg4 31.Bxg4** White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.41. Loss on time!?
[Weaker is 31.Bxe3 Rxe3 32.Bxg4 Qxg4 33.Qxe3 Qxd1+ 34.Kh2 Qh5+ 35.Kg1 b6-+]
1-0

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Prevent Scholara´S Mate

[Georgios Souleidis]

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(Diagram)

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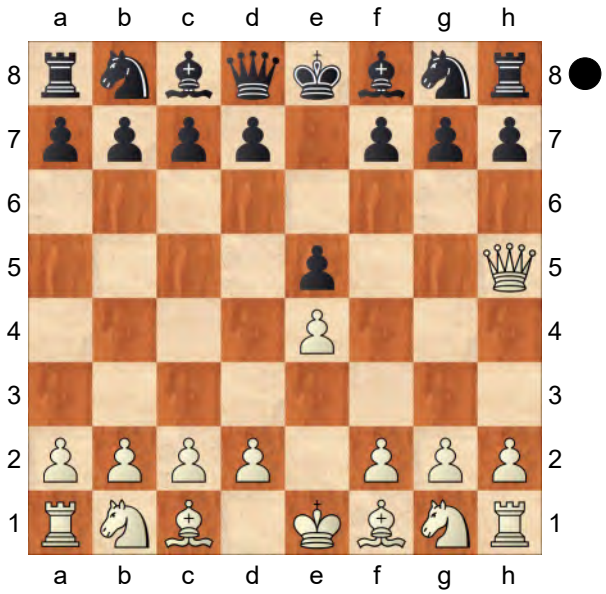

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4...Nf6! Of course. Black developes the second knight and prevents the mate in a natural way. **5.Ne2** Da Weiß kein Matt mehr drohen kann, entwickelt er eine Figur. **5...Bg7** Black continues with his development and prepares castling.
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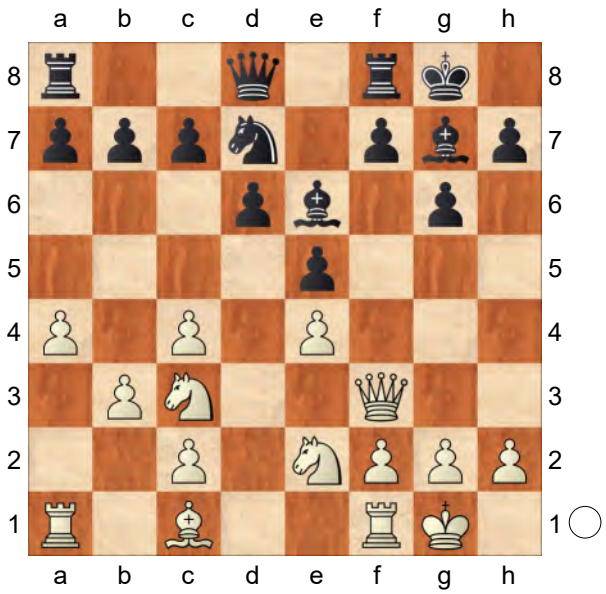

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[7...h6 8.Nbc3 Na5 9.g4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 12.h4 Nf6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Be3 hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Qg2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3 Qe7 20.Kb2 a6 21.Nxf4 Bxc4 22.Qd2 0-1 (25) Liang,

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9.a4N

[9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1]

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6.h3 Bg7 7.a3N

[7.d3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 Qh5-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou]

7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 This looks like a good moment to accept them doubled e-pawns. **9.Qb3 Nxe4!** Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

[9...Nxe4 Hoping for ...Nc5. 10.Qxb7 Kd7! and Black is slightly better.]

C20

□ **Rajput,Harshit**

■ **Singh,Avineet**

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[Kitty Kat]

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4.Qxe7+ Bxe7 5.d3 d6 1.96/21

[5...Nc6± 1.44/21]

6.Nc3+- Be6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Ng5 1.26/18

[8.Be2+- 1.75/20]

8...Ng4 2.23/20

[8...Nd4± 1.26/18]

9.f3 Bxg5 2.68/21

[9...Nd4± 1.57/19 was worth a try.]

10.Bxg5 Nge5 11.Nb5 Prevents Nd4

11...0-0 12.Nxc7 Bc8? 6.04/19

[12...Nb4 3.46/21 13.Nxe6 fxe6]

13.Nxa8 b6 14.Nc7 a5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Be2 Ne3 17.Be7 Nxc2+ 18.Kd2 Nxe7 19.Kxc2 Ng6 20.f5 Nf4 21.Bg4 Nxg2 22.Rhf1 Ne3+ 23.Kd2 Nxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Bd7 25.d4 Rc8

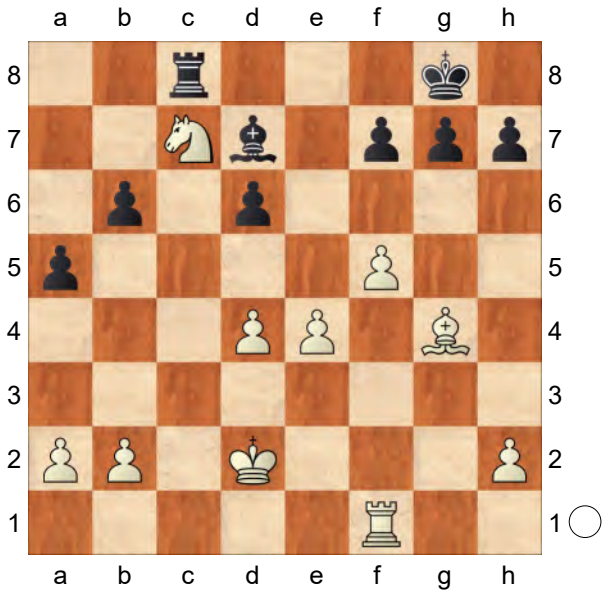
(Diagram)

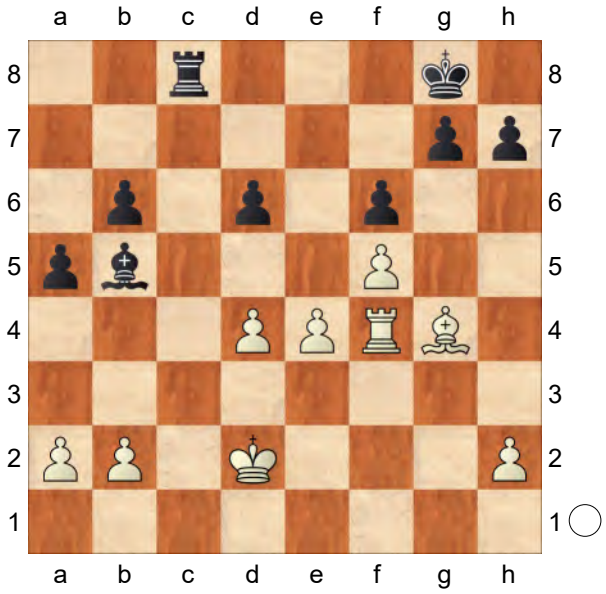
26.Nb5 0.18/21 **Bxb5=** Endgame. KRB-KRB **27.Rf4 f6**

(Diagram)

28.e5? -3.00/28 **dxe5-+ 29.dxe5 Rd8+** -1.17/23

[29...fxe5-+ -2.77/27 and Black stays





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30.Ke1∓ fxe5 Black is more active.

31.Re4

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Re8 -0.36/22

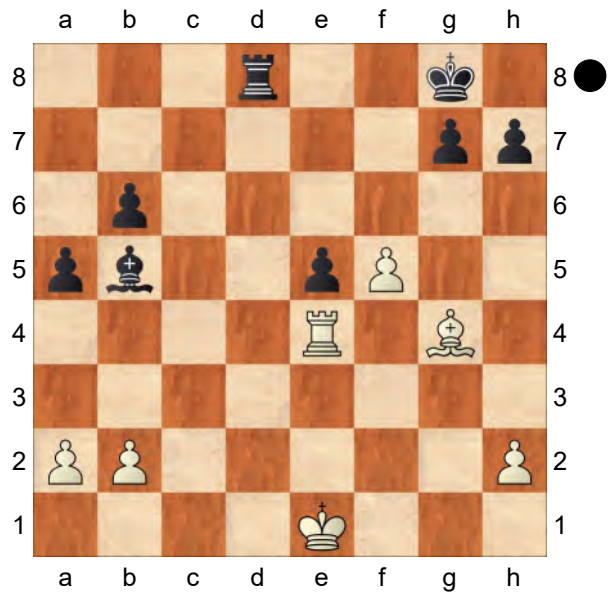
[Black should play 31...Rd4!∓ -1.33/22 32.Rxe5 Bd7]

32.h3? -2.90/23

[32.Bh5!∓ -0.36/22 Re7 33.Re3]

32...Bc6? -0.72/23

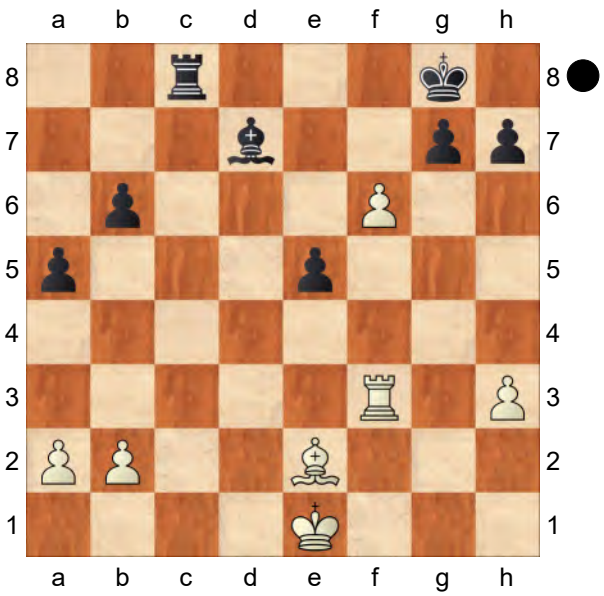
[32...Bd3-+ -2.90/23 33.Re3 e4]



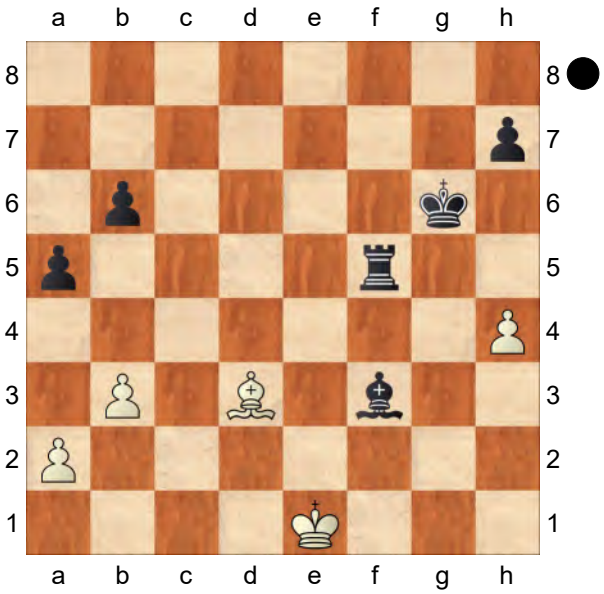
33.Rc4 -1.38/24
[⌓33.Re3 -0.72/23]
33...Bb5 -0.07/22
[Black should try 33...Bd5∓ -1.38/24 34.Rc7 Bxa2]
34.Re4 -2.69/21
[34.Rc7= -0.07/22]
34...Bc6? -0.58/21
[Better is 34...Bd3-+ -2.69/21 35.Re3 Bb1]
35.Re3 Bb5 0.00/28
[35...Kf8∓ -0.56/25]
36.Be2 -0.36/26
[36.Re4= 0.00/28]
36...Bd7 37.Rf3 -2.86/25
[37.Bg4!∓ -0.42/26]
37...Rc8 38.f6

(Diagram)

Rc1+? -0.74/21
[38...g6!-+ -2.44/24 ...Kf7 would now be deadly. 39.Rd3 Bb5]
39.Bd1? -3.87/23
[39.Kd2∓ -0.74/21 Rc6 40.fxg7]
39...Bc6 40.Rf5 Rc5? -1.27/23
[40...Be4-+ -3.53/21 41.Rxe5 Bf3 42.Re8+ Kf7 43.fxg7 Kxg7



(43...Rxd1+? 44.Kf2-+)]
41.fxg7 -1.80/22
[41.Bb3+∓ -1.27/23 is a better defense. Kf8 42.fxg7+ Kxg7 43.Rf7+ Kg6 44.Re7]
41...Kxg7-+ 42.h4 Kg6 -0.76/20
[42...Bd7-+ -1.63/22 43.Rf3 Be6]
43.Rxe5 -5.89/24 **Rxe5+ 44.Kf1 Rf5+ 45.Ke1 Bb5** Strongly threatening ... Rf1+. **46.Be2 Bc6** Hoping for ...Re5. **47.Kd1 Ba4+ 48.b3 Bc6 49.Bd3 Bf3+ 50.Ke1**



Bd5! 51.Bxf5+

[51.Kd2 Kf6]
51...Kxf5 KB-K3P **52.Kd1 Kg4 53.Ke2 Kxh4** KB-KPP **54.Kf2 Kg4 55.Kg1 h5** (-> ...h4) **56.Kh2 h4 57.a3**
Black mates. **57...Bxb3 58.a4 Bxa4 59.Kg2 b5 60.Kh2 b4 61.Kg2 b3 62.Kh2 b2 63.Kg2 b1Q 64.Kh2 Bb5 65.Kg2 Bc6+ 66.Kh2 Qb2+ 67.Kg1 h3 68.Kf1 h2 69.Ke1 h1Q#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.69
0-1

C20

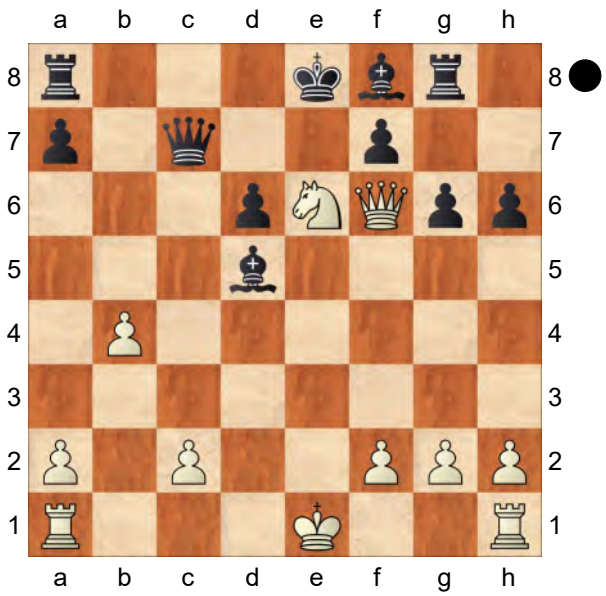
□ **Ravitesh**
■ **Diaz,Cristina**
KCF University Cup 2022 rapid (3.116)
[Kitty Kat]

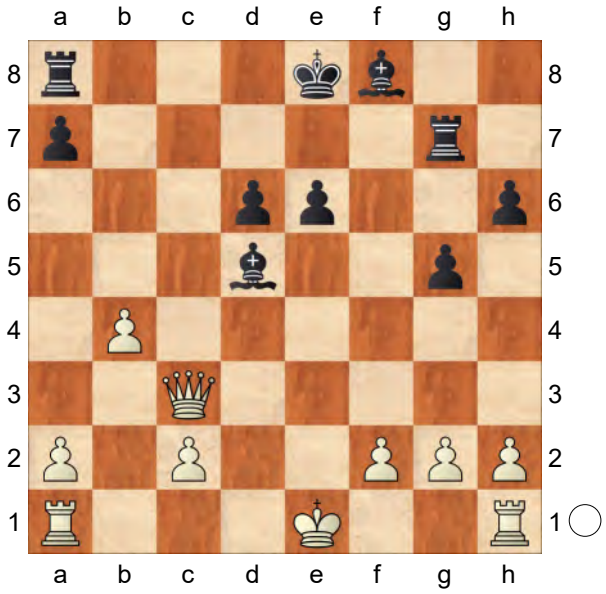
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qd1 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4)]
3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.d4N
[5.Nc3 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Bh6 Re8 8.h4 a6 9.h5 Bg4 10.hxg6 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# 1-0 Van Eijbergen-Sieraad Netherlands year? 1977]
5...Qe7 0.15/21
[5...Nc6∓ -1.17/22 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxf6 Nxd4 *(7...Bxf6 8.d5=)*]
6.Bg5 -0.49/27
[6.d5= 0.15/21]
6...Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 Inhibits Nd5. **8.b4?** -3.00/20
[8.dxe5= -0.27/24 dxe5 9.a3]
8...b5? -0.13/23
[8...exd4-+ -3.00/20 9.Nce2 Bg7]
9.Bd5 -1.54/23 **cxd5** -0.57/20
[Better is 9...Bb7!∓ -1.54/23 10.dxe5 Qxe5]
10.exd5? -4.42/20
[10.Nxb5 Kd8 *(10...dxe4? 11.Qc3-+)* 11.Qa3 Nb6∓ *(11...dxe4 12.Ne2-+)*]
[10.Nxd5∓ -0.57/20 Nxd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.dxe5]
10...h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxb5 exd4+ 13.Ne2 Bb7 14.Nc7+ Qxc7 15.Qxf6 Rg8 16.Nxd4? -6.73/20
[16.0-0 -3.30/19 Bg7 *(16...Qxc2? 17.Rfe1+-)* 17.Qf4]
16...Bxd5 -3.23/19
[⌓16...Qc3+ -6.73/20 17.Ke2 Ba6+ *(17...Qxb4? 18.Rhe1-+; 17...Bxd5? 18.Qf4-+)* 18.b5 Bxb5+ 19.Nxb5 Qxf6]
17.Ne6? -5.89/19
[17.0-0 -3.23/19]

(Diagram)

17...Qc3+?? 5.16/18 **18.Qxc3+- fxe6 19.Qc7 Rg7 20.Qc3 g5**

(Diagram)

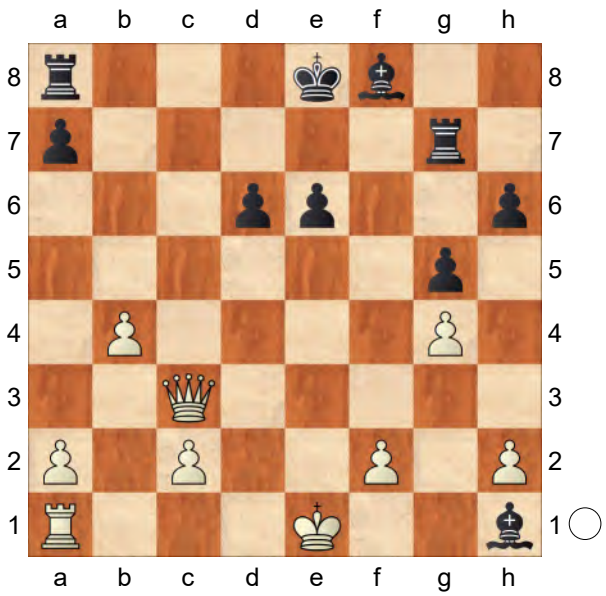




21.g4 2.67/21 **Bxh1**

(Diagram)

22.Qf6?? -2.76/20
[22.f3!+- 2.04/22 is the narrow road to win. Qc6+ would now be deadly. Kd7 23.Kf2]
22...Re7 Threatens to win with ...Bg7.
23.0-0-0 -2.28/23
[23.Qg6+ -1.79/20 was worth a try. Kd7 24.0-0-0]
23...Bd5 24.b5 -2.80/21



[24.h4 -1.83/18 was called for.]
24...Bg7
[Not 24...Bxa2 25.Rxd6 Bg7 26.Qg6+ Kf8 27.h4 gxh4 28.f4∓ *(28.g5? hxg5 29.Qxg5 h3∓)*]
25.Qg6+ Kd7 26.c4? -4.47/21
[26.Rxd5 -2.70/20 exd5 27.Qf5+ Kc7 28.Qxd5]
26...Bxc4 27.Qe4 Bxb5 3.87/21
[27...Rc8-+ -4.44/20 avoids the disaster. 28.Kd2 Be5 *(28...Bxa2? 29.Qa4-+)*]
28.Qxa8 Ba4? 9.13/22
[28...a6 3.81/23 29.Rd2 d5]
29.Qxa7+ White is clearly winning.
29...Ke8 30.Qxa4+ Kf7 31.Rxd6 Be5 32.Rd7 Bxh2 33.a3 Bd6 34.Rxd6
Weighted Error Value: White=1.21/ Black=1.10
1-0

C20

□ **Seirawan,Yasser**
■ **Known Experienced Player**
[Yasser Seirawan]

Destroying the Queen Raid: It was at this point that I discovered a coffeehouse in Seattle's University District called The Last Exit on Brooklyn. The chess players who met here were far more experienced players than my usual circle of friends. It was here that my Queen Raid approach received a number of nasty setbacks. The harshest lesson was the following game, which left a deep impression. --- This was a big game for me. I was playing an experienced adult chess player and was anxious to prove my newfound understanding of opening play. My opening had but one aim: creating an avenue for my Queen to develop.
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 Black responds with the 'Classical King Pawn Defense'. I didn't know the defense had a name, but it was a standard counter in my circle of friends. **2.Qh5?** Of course I was very happy to play this mistake, allowing my Queen to immediately begin its attack. Naturally, I'm poised to grab Black's e5-pawn. **2...Nc6** This reaction put the brakes to my plan. Black easily defends my one and only threat. It was time to create another. **3.Bc4** White threatens 4. Qxf7, which is well known as the 'Scholar's Mate'. The term wasn't known to me, but the threat certainly was! How would my experienced opponent react? **3...g6!** In a good move, Black blocks my threat to the f7-pawn and attacks my Queen as well. Undeterred, I retreat my Queen and renew the same threat. **4.Qf3** Thus far I was very proud of my play. Aggressive from the start, I had held the initiative and was really taking the game to my opponent! Surely he felt the same way too? **4...Nf6!** Black calmly blocks my threat to the f7-pawn and develops another piece. Now I fully concentrated to find something creative. After some intense thought, I found a nifty idea. **5.Qb3N** As I was about to discover, this was a mistake. At the time, I really liked this move because it fit perfectly with my newfound knowledge. The f7-pawn is attacked yet again - how brilliant I am! - and my Queen is perfectly positioned to grab the b7-pawn if opportunity allows. Yes indeed, things are really going my way!

[5.Ne2
A) 5...Bg7 6.d3 h6 *(6...0-0 7.Nbc3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Be6 14.Re1 a5 15.a4 Rc8 16.Qg3 Re8 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.h4 Kg7 19.Qf4 b6 20.Re2 Rh8 21.Bh6+* 1-0 (22) Faria,M (2324)-Kvicala,J (1904) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (8.18) *)* 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.g4 Nh7 10.h4 Be6 11.h5 g5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Ne3 c6 14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 16.axb3 Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 18.Ng3 d5 19.0-0 Qc7 20.Nef5 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (2.38);
B) 5...d6 6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.a4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Ne8 2. Qh5 and Other Super Seriou-2. Qh5 #3]

5...Nd4! Black's excellent response is one my young mind didn't appreciate. Of

course Black's Knight attacks my Queen, but my opponent apparently hadn't realized my threat so I eagerly seize the opportunity to capture a pawn with check.

[Stronger than 5...Nxe4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Nf3±]

6.Bxf7+ I was certainly proud of this move. My opponent is forced to move his King, I'm a pawn up, and I'd be victorious after just a few more stern moves. I was a bit perplexed that my esteemed opponent was not perturbed by the need to move his King. **6...Ke7**

7.Qc4

[In the far recesses of my mind a doubt appeared. I was surprised that I didn't have an immediate checkmate. What a pity that 7.Qe6+? -8.88/16 7.Qc4 -3.24 isn't checkmate! In that case, either the d7-pawn or the d4-Knight would capture my Queen.]

[My first idea was to play 7.Qb4+ . (My second check in a row! I would be on a roll.) But after Kxf7 , I'd lose my Bishop and my Queen would be under attack.]

7...b5! Where did this unexpected move come from? Wasn't I the one making all the threats? Black's move attacking my Queen forces me to give up the protection of my Bishop.

[Weaker is 7...Nxe4 8.Bd5∓]

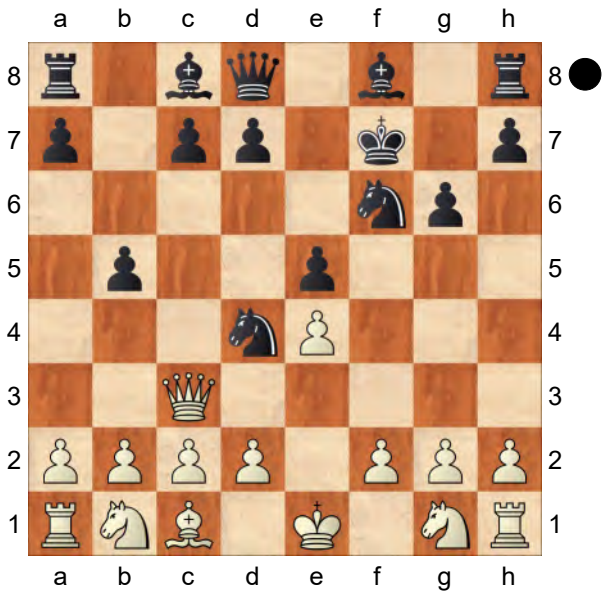
8.Qc5+ -5.02/17

[8.Qd3 -3.40/16 might work better. Kxf7 9.c3]

8...Kxf7-+ I was very sorry to see the capture of my valiant Bishop. After all, this Bishop had forced Black's King to move.

[Now my hand faltered. I had intended to grab Black's e5-pawn when my attention was drawn to my c2-pawn. My goodness! After 8...Kxf7 9.Qxe5 Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 , my King will have been checked and I would lose a Rook.]

9.Qc3



A rather painful retreat, but I couldn't allow the capture of the c2-pawn and my Queen had to move. **9...Bb4!** Decoy

10.Qd3

[10.Qg3 Nxc2+]

10...d5! At last, a mistake! My opponent has missed my threat of c2-c3 forking Bishop and Knight. Now I'd get the chance to win back the piece I'd lost. Finally, for the last time, my hand faltered yet again. Surely my crafty opponent would not overlook losing a piece? Right that was the trick! Black's last move introduces the threat of 11... dxe4, winning a pawn, and worse, attacking my Queen yet again! **11.exd5** Fearful of 11...dxe4, I couldn't allow my pawn to be captured. I still had my ambitions. Given the chance, the move c2-c3 would win back my piece. **11...Bf5!** I couldn't believe what had just happened. With another fine attacking move, my Queen was again under attack

and had to move. My game is terrible. Black's pieces are buzzing about the board and all I have developed is my Queen. The Queen, which I thought was a bully, was getting pushed around. With a heavy heart I abandoned the defense of my c2-pawn and accepted the loss of a Rook. Skewer, Deflection **12.Qg3** I recall being quite proud of this move.

[I realized that 12.Qe3 Nxc2+ would fork my King and Queen. Unblinking, my opponent immediately attacked my Queen yet again!]

12...Nh5!

[I couldn't believe my opponent had resisted the temptation to play 12...Nxc2+ , which I evaluated as winning. So why this move? Once again my Queen would have to move, but where? Take a look at the position after the text move and you'll realize my discomfort. Nearly all the squares available to my Queen are guarded!]

13.Qxe5 I avoid stepping into the same ...Nd4xc2+ Knight fork, and I console myself with the thought that I have wiped out a pawn. I saw Black's next move but there was nothing I could do. **13...Re8!** By pinning my Queen to my King, the cannon had never seemed more powerful! Knowing my Queen was lost, I captured the Rook. **14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+** What a disaster! My Queen is captured and my King is checked. Flustered by the suddenness of my losing position, I found my last bad move. **15.Kd1! Bxc2#** . My experienced opponent didn't bother to announce checkmate and instead left it to me to find a move. With my hand on my King and a puzzled expression, I tried moving my King to a few squares. When I couldn't find a square, I looked at my opponent. He gave me a knowing smile and then said, "Checkmate." --- This game left me shaking my head. After I returned home, I went over the game very carefully and came to some startling conclusions: Instead of being a bully, my Queen had actually been chased around the board, having to respond to every threat against it. --- While my opponent was developing his forces, I was falling behind. The final position was a forceful reminder of how lopsided the victory was. Not a single White piece had been developed. I had played 15 moves and nearly all my pieces were on their original squares. The only two pieces that had managed to make it into the game, my Queen and Bishop, had been captured. --- This sparked a whole new way of thinking and I discovered another principle: While an early Queen Raid against a beginner is effective, a Queen Raid will not work against an experienced opponent who knows how to coordinate pieces. --- Chess coaches all over the world understand this truism! Beginners are very vulnerable to Queen Raids. Once they learn how to coordinate their pieces and pawns and ward off an early Queen Raid, the strategy fails. The early development of the Queen is a detriment for the other pieces and the strategy boomerangs against the raider. White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.91/ Black=0.30

0-1

C20

□ **Seirawan,Yasser**
■ **Known Unfriendly Fiend**
[Yasser Seirawan]

Queen Raid: After determining that my cannon-fire ideas weren't doing the job, a careful rethink of my opening approach was necessary. This was a critical phase of my chess development. It seemed that chess was far too difficult for my poor mind. Was trying to get better worth getting stomped by my friends? --- All chess players at one time in their very early career are struck by this telling question. Many decide that, indeed, chess isn't their shtick. Fortunately for me, a serendipitous outside influence played a crucial role at this phase in my development. My interest was rekindled when America's own Robert James (Bobby) Fischer defeated the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky for the World Chess Championship in 1972. It was a heady moment for chess players around the world, and for American chess players in particular. --- While most Americans were undoubtedly proud of their new champion, I had a question: "How could Bobby be champion? He didn't beat me!" --- Renewing myself, I applied the formidable powers of my young mind to my opening strategy. Carefully penetrating the mysterious veil of the chess pieces, I deduced something wonderful and extraordinary: My Queen is the most powerful piece on the board! --- My fault had been not to develop it quickly enough. How simple and obvious: My Queen was a natural-born bully! All that was necessary was to introduce it into the game as early as possible. --- This faulty strategy is one of the most insidious pitfalls in chess! I fell into it headlong, as every untrained beginner has done! The problem, dear reader, is simply this: The Queen Raid strategy worked! My results against my circle of chess friends immediately improved. Two early examples of victorious play convinced me that I was on the right track. --- This game begins with a good opening move - played with the completely wrong strategy in mind. The intention should be to grab control of the center, not to make room for my Queen! Controlling the center certainly wasn't my intention.
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 This is the classical answer and a good move. Even beginners occasionally find good moves! **2.Qh5?** This was my "new and improved" idea. As the new neighborhood bully, my Queen would knock heads together.
2...g6N My opponent seizes the opportunity to attack my Queen, but overlooks my real threat.
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 *(4.Qd1 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7* 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov, I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4) *)*
4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 d6 *(6...h6 7.Nbc3 d6 8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.g4 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.a4 Bd7 14.Bd2 Bc6 15.0-0 g5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0 19.h4 Rbe8 20.Rae1 Qf6 21.Kg2* 1-0 (41) Jekabs Georgs,I (2514)-Varela Garcia,M (2177)

Sautron op 11th 2011 (5.9) *)* 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1-3 Game 1]

3.Qxe5+ Simply brilliant! My Queen spears Black's position. Now Black's cannon (Rook) will be eaten. **3...Qe7** Black copies my plan of bringing out the Queen. My turn! **4.Qxh8** My Queen happily munches the trapped Rook. **4...Qxe4+** What's this? The capture presents danger, but I can block the check and my Rook is safe. **5.Ne2** With this good move, I develop a piece and block the check. **5...Qxc2** (?) What a sly devil my opponent is! Now he is conducting his own raid. My goodness, how do I defend the threat of 6... Qxc1 Checkmate? A sudden panic overcomes me, followed by a sigh of relief. No! My brilliant fifth move with my Knight protects my c1-Bishop! Happily, I continue my own raid. **6.Qxg8** In a greedy (and good, I might add) move, a mighty Knight is slaughtered. My marauding Queen is picking apart Black's army. Isn't chess easy and fun? I'm sure such gleeful thoughts were printed on my face. **6...Nc6** Black makes a good move and develops a piece. Now, at this position I had a real think about what to do next. --- By this time I was experienced enough to make a realization. I had a won position! I've grabbed enough loot - a Rook and a Knight - to have a big edge. Do I need to win more material? The h7-pawn is a very tempting grab as my raid 'on the Kingside' would be completed. However, Black's Queen is quite worrying and I must pay attention so that I don't blow my win. Resisting my strong inclination to play 7.Qxh7, I instead decide to attack Black's raiding Queen. **7.Na3!** In another surprisingly good move, and without understanding what I was doing, I've developed a Knight with tempo. That is, I mobilize one of my pieces and attack Black's Queen at the same time. The realization that "Black's Queen will have to move because I've attacked the Queen!" planted a seed that would take root and grow. This seed would lead me to reevaluate my new Queen strategy.

[7.Qxh7 Nb4 8.Nec3 *(8.Qh3 Nd3+⩲)* 8...Qxc1+ 9.Ke2 c6±]

7...Qa4 This is a move I could fully understand and appreciate. Beginners like myself who have discovered the Queen strategy try to throw the Queen right into the middle of the battle. When the Queen is attacked, my natural reaction is to return the favor at once! As my Knight attacks Black's Queen, the Queen responds by attacking my White Knight. Just what I would do! My admiration for my opponent's play was growing. --- I looked at the captured pieces to restore my confidence. I'm still a Rook and Knight ahead! I love what has just taken place. I've gobbled up nearly half of my opponent's army and I had just attacked Black's Queen. It felt so good that I only considered two moves: taking the h7-pawn or the move I chose. **8.b3!** Inhibits d5.

[Playing 8.Qxh7 was nearly irresistible. But attacking Black's Queen had brought such pleasure previously, I just couldn't resist. This time, the thought behind the move was correct. My c1-Bishop protects the Knight and the Black Queen is given another boot.]

8...Qb4 Black tries to keep his Queen as close to the action as possible. Once

more my opponent had completed the very move I would have played. At this stage of my chess career, I rarely saw more than one move ahead. My move always seemed to be spur of the moment and at this moment I was on a roll. Black's Queen has had to 'react' to my previous moves. Without hesitation I plunked down my next move. **9.Nc2?** What joy, attacking Black's Queen again! My pieces are being brought into play and the game is won.

[With the benefit of 25 years' hindsight, 9.Nc4 is a far better move.]

9...Qc5 I thought this move to be an excellent retort because it follows the reasoning, "When attacked, counter with an attack of your own." In fact, this move just loses.

[While Black is quite lost because of his material deficit, a better choice is 9...Qe4 to get out of harm's way. --- After the text move we come to one of the proudest moments of my early career: my first 'combination'. Of course, I didn't call my next move a combination (I didn't know what the word meant); it was simply wonderful.]

10.Ba3! I continue harassing the Black Queen. This was the very first move I considered, but because Black's last move attacked my c2-Knight, I was going to give up on this move when I spotted - by sheer luck - that the move has a deeper purpose then merely attacking Black's Queen. **10...Qxc2** Played with a near yelp of delight, my fiendish opponent wasn't about to be chivalrous and say, "Look here young Yasser, you've overlooked my threat to capture your Knight. Why don't you reconsider?" **11.Qxf8#** . This stunning dénouement had an extraordinary effect on my enjoyment of chess. I was as dumbfounded as my opponent, who could only stare in helpless reflection at the final position. I had actually anticipated two moves in a row. I had consciously sacrificed a Knight in order to win back a Bishop! --- You must understand that at this stage of my chess understanding, captures came only as a result of an oversight by myself or my opponent or due to a mutually recognized immediate trade of pieces. Sometimes captures were ignored all together. This little trick caused a near explosion in my cranium. It was possible to sacrifice a piece with a higher purpose in mind! --- From this victory I deduced all the wrong lessons. Now I was more convinced then ever that I was close to solving the mystery of chess and what to do in the opening. I now believed that the key to victory was developing the Queen early in order to raid the flanks, and that in this way an early checkmate was possible. As experience would prove, I was completely wrong. --- At this time, most of my games were usually lopsided affairs where my opponents would delight in taking my entire army first, before checkmating my King! That was simply the way it was done. Most of the time, I was checkmated without the aid of any of my pieces or pawns on the board. This was another reason why the victory just described resonated so loudly: Black's very own pieces blocked Black's King from escaping. --- Thus I came to arguably the greatest pitfall for all beginners: an overwhelming fascination with the Queen's power. My

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Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=1.53
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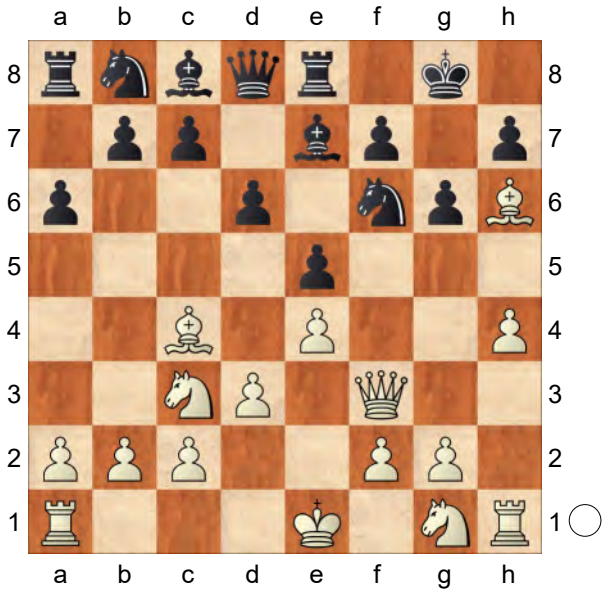
C20

□ **Van Eijbergen**
■ **Sieraad**
Netherlands year? 1977
[Harding]

C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6?! 3.Qxe5+ Be7∞ 4.Be2 *(4.Qf4!±* (Nakamura)*; 4.d3)* 4...Nc6 5.Qg3 Nxe4 6.Qxg7 Bf6 7.Qh6 Nd4 8.Nc3! Nxc3 9.dxc3 Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.Nf3 d5 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Be6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qg7 1-0 Jovanovich-Janowski, Serbia 1912, and Jovanovich-Martinowsky, Belgrade 1922 [Chess Review 12/ 1963]]
[2...Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 *(4.Qd1 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 f5 13.h3 Rb8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.d4 Bg7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b3 Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7* 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov, I (2710) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (4) *)* 4...Nf6 5.Ne2 *(5.Qb3 Nd4!)* 5...Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7!∓ N. Ntirlis (after Nakamura)]
3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6N
[4...Qf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li, C (2645) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
5.Nc3 Be7 0.22/20
[Black should try 5...c6∓ -0.51/19]
6.d3
[6.Nd5 simplifies Nc6 7.Ne2 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 Bf6 9.d3]
6...0-0 0.58/22
[6...Nc6= 0.16/20]
7.Bh6± Re8 8.h4 And now h5! would win. White is slightly better. **8...a6?** 1.94/18
[8...Nc6!± 0.36/18]



9.h5!+- Strongly threatening hxg6.
9...Bg4
[9...b5 10.Bb3]
10.hxg6! Bxf3? #2/16
[10...hxg6+- 2.95/20 11.Qg3 b5]
11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.g7# Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=1.08 Original source of game may have been a Tim Krabbe article; sent to TH by a reader.
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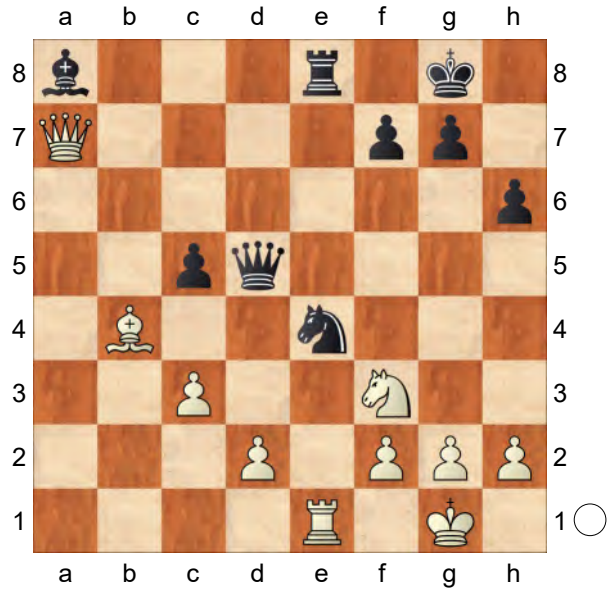
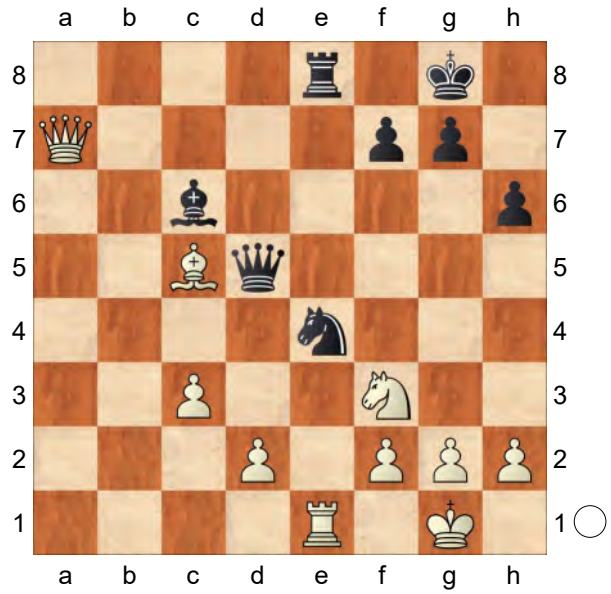
■ **B10**
Analyzed Games
[Kitty Kat]

Analyzed by National Master Corey Russell
C20: 1 e4 e5: Unusual White second moves
1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bb5N
[3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Bh6 *(4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 e4 9.dxe4 Ne5 10.Qb3 Nxe4 11.0-0 Qh4* Rare Nd Moves-Qh5 *)* 5.Qxf7# Open Game Various-2.Qh5/ 2.Qf3 Survey 2004]
3...Nf6 4.Qf3 Nd4 5.Qd3 a6 6.Ba4 Bc5 7.c3 Nc6 -0.61/20
[Black should try 7...Ne6∓ -1.21/20 Hoping for ...b5. 8.Qe2 0-0]
8.Bb3 -1.86/19
[8.Qe2∓ -0.61/20]
8...0-0 -1.06/21
[8...d5!-+ -1.86/19 9.exd5 Be6]
9.Nf3 h6 ? This is unnecessary. Continued development, with ...b5, Bb7, with the idea of pressuring white's e-pawn, is preferable. **10.0-0 b5 11.a4 Bb7 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8** 0.21/20 ...Qxa8 is preferable. The queen has a lot more scope on a8 than d8. The bishop is fine on b7. In addition, black has tactics that make his b-pawn immune (Qxb5 Nxe4, d3 Ba6).
[13...Qxa8∓ -0.40/21 14.Qxb5 d6 *(14...Nxe4? 15.Bc2∓)*]
14.Qxb5= d6 1.03/21
[14...Nxe4= -0.04/22 keeps the balance. 15.Bc2 d5]
15.Qe2 White is more active. **15...Na5** 1.23/21 Too early. hop should go to b6 first, THEN Na5, d5 to try to play energetically. Otherwise, black is a pawn down for nothing. Also, the text overlooks a pawn fork. Be careful of those! Pawn forks often happen.
[⌓15...Ne7 0.82/18]
16.Bc2± c6? 3.46/20
[16...Bb6± 1.27/18 keeps fighting. 17.b4 Nc6]
17.b4+- Ba7 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Na3 Re8 20.Nc4 Qd8 21.Ba3 d5
22.Ncxe5 White gives you a chance. He could've played 22. exd5 cxd5 23. Ncxe5 Nd7 24. Qd3! and the hanging knight at e5 is immune because Qh7 is mate.
22...dxe4 23.Bxe4 Qa5 24.Bd6
[24.Nxc6 Qxa3 *(24...Bxc6 25.Bb4∓)* 25.Nxa7 Rxe4∓]
24...Re6 25.Qd3
[25.Nxc6? is the wrong capture. Bxc6 *(25...Rxd6?* too greedy. *26.Nxa5 Bxe4 27.Ne5+-)* 26.Bb4 Qa2-+ *(26...Rxe4? 27.Qxe4 Nxe4 28.Bxa5+-)*]
[25.Bxc6 Rxd6 26.Bxa8 Re6]
25...Nxe4 26.Bb4 2.06/17 White gives black a breather. Simply Qxe4 Rxd6 27 Nc4 Qd5 28. Nxd6 would leave white up a rook and pawn vs a knight.
[⌓26.Qxe4 4.02/22 Bb6 27.Qf5]

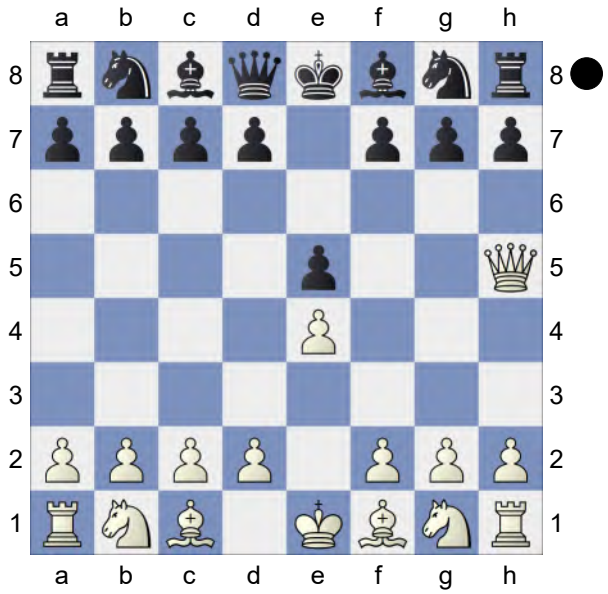
26...Qd5 27.Qa6 Rxe5 3.66/21
[⌓27...Bxf2+ 2.61/19 28.Rxf2 c5 29.Qc8+ Kh7]
28.Qxa7? 0.41/19 Gives black a chance again. Nxe5 is still winning.
[White should play 28.c4+- 3.66/21 Qd8 29.Nxe5]
28...Re8± White must now prevent ...c5!
29.Re1! c5? 2.13/22
[29...Rc8!± 0.54/19]



30.Bxc5!+- Pin **30...Bc6**



Threatens to win with ...Ra8! **31.h3??** -3.00/20 This now gives black a chance again...31. Be3, and white still has chances to convert his extra pawns to a win. Now black is equal. **31...Nxd2?** 0.18/17
[Don't take 31...Nxc5 32.Rxe8+ Bxe8 33.Nd4-+]
[Better is 31...Qxc5-+ -3.00/20 32.Qxc5 Nxc5]
32.Rxe8+= Bxe8 33.Nxd2 Qxd2-+ Endgame. KQB-KQB **34.Qb8 Qe1+ 35.Kh2** Be3 is the strong threat.
35...Kh7 36.c4 Dubious. White should improve his pieces first. Be3 & Qe5 would give white real chances to win.
36...Bc6 37.g4? -#4/23 This gives black the game. 37. f3 would hold the position. Remember, the general rule of thumb is put your pawns opposite your own bishop, and on the same squares as your opponent's. The text move opens White's king to merciless infiltration.
[37.f3= 0.06/21]
37...g5 -8.12/21
[⌓37...Qh1+ -#4/23 38.Kg3 Qf3+ 39.Kh4 g5+ Deflection 40.Kh5 Qxh3#]
38.f4 Qh1+ 39.Kg3 It appears from the game that your weakness is tactics. I suggest working on tactical problem books, like "Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess". **39...Qg2#** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.71



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2	. . . Nf6	Qxe5+ Be7	Bc4 Nc6	Qf4 0-0	e5 Nxe5	Qxe5 d6	Qf4 Ng4	h4 Ne5	h5 Nxc4	Qxc4 Be6	Qc3 Bf6[2]
3	. . . Nc6	Bc4 g6	Qf3 Nf6	Qb3 Nd4	Bxf7+ Ke7	Qc4 b5	Qc5+ Kxf7	Qc3 Bb4	Qd3 d5	exd5 Bf5	Qg3 Nh5[3]
4	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	Ne2 Bg7	Nbc3 d6	d3 0-0	Bg5[4] h6	Bh4 g5	Bg3 Nd4	Nxd4 exd4	Nd5 Nh7[5]
5	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	h3 Be6	Bxe6 fxe6	a3 0-0	d3 d5	Bg5 Nd4	Nxd4 exd4[6]
6	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	d3 0-0	h3[7] d5	exd5 e4	dxe4 Ne5	Qb3 Nxe4	0-0 Qh4[8]	
7	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	d3 Nd4	Qd1 d5	exd5 b5	Bb3 Nxd5	c3 Nxb3	axb3 Bg7[9]		

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[2] **13.Qd3** White is losing valuable time. He should play 13.d4 , blocking the threat to his Queen and releasing his c1-Bishop for action. 13...Re8 With another fine move, Black brings her Rook to the open e-file and creates a tactical threat. 14.h6 Filled with dreams of glory, White is oblivious to Black's threat. White should develop with 14.Ne2 , blocking the e-file. The text move is typical of inexperienced players who concentrate only on what they are doing - not what the opponent might be thinking. 14...Bf5+ A shocking double attack, the 'discovered check' by the e8-Rook doesn't allow the capture of the f5-Bishop. White is forced to lose his Queen. 15.Qe2 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 g6 Black won the game in 39 moves.Many lessons can be

drawn from the above game fragment: Beginning players enjoy using their big guns, their Queens and Rooks, early - often to the exclusion of all the other pieces.The Queen Raid is effective when threats are overlooked.Against a proper defense, the Queen is vulnerable to attack and is often left stranded. 1: Early Days-Noble,D

[3] **13.Qxe5** I avoid stepping into the same ...Nd4xc2+ Knight fork, and I console myself with the thought that I have wiped out a pawn. I saw Black's next move but there was nothing I could do. 13...Re8 By pinning my Queen to my King, the cannon had never seemed more powerful! Knowing my Queen was lost, I captured the Rook. 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ What a disaster! My Queen is captured and my King is checked. Flustered by the suddenness of my losing position, I found my last bad move. 15.Kd1 Bxc2# My experienced opponent didn't bother to announce checkmate and instead left it to me to find a move. With my hand on my King and a puzzled expression, I tried moving my King to a few squares. When I couldn't find a square, I looked at my opponent. He gave me a knowing smile and then said, 'Checkmate.'This game left me shaking my head. After I returned home, I went over the game very carefully and came to some startling conclusions: Instead of being a bully, my Queen had actually been chased around the board, having to respond to every threat against it.While my opponent was developing his forces, I was falling behind. The final position was a forceful reminder of how lopsided the victory was. Not a single White piece had been developed. I had played 15 moves and nearly all my pieces were on their original squares. The only two pieces that had managed to make it into the game, my Queen and Bishop, had been captured.This sparked a whole new way of thinking and I discovered another principle: While an early Queen Raid against a beginner is effective, a Queen Raid will not work against an experienced opponent who knows how to coordinate pieces. Chess coaches all over the world understand this truism! Beginners are very vulnerable to Queen Raids. Once they learn how to coordinate their pieces and pawns and ward off an early Queen Raid, the strategy fails. The early development of the Queen is a detriment for the other pieces and the strategy boomerangs against the raider. 1: Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid

[4] **8.0-0** h6 The idea to remove the King from the c4-g8 diagonal and to move the Knight on f6 to carry out the f5 break 9.Qg3

[9.a3 To provide some space for the c4 Bishop to retreat when attacked with ...Na5. Kh7 As ...Na5 is not effective anymore, since White can go retreat his Bishop to a2, we continue with our plan of getting the ...f5 break in. 10.h3 Ng8 Preparing ...f5,

and the Queen on f3 will again be targeted. 11.Qg3 f5 Finally we get our dream break. 12.exf5 12.f4 will be met by 12...exf4 13.Bxf4 g5 followed by ...f4 and the Queen is attacked. Bxf5 13.f4 Qd7 14.fxe5 Nxe5 With fantastic harmony, we are slightly better. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #7]

9...Na5 Now the light-squared Bishop has to be conceded. 10.Bb3 Nh5 The Queen on g3 also has to go back now. 11.Qe3 Nxb3 12.axb3 a6 Protecting the a7 pawn. The two Bishops give us a good position. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #6

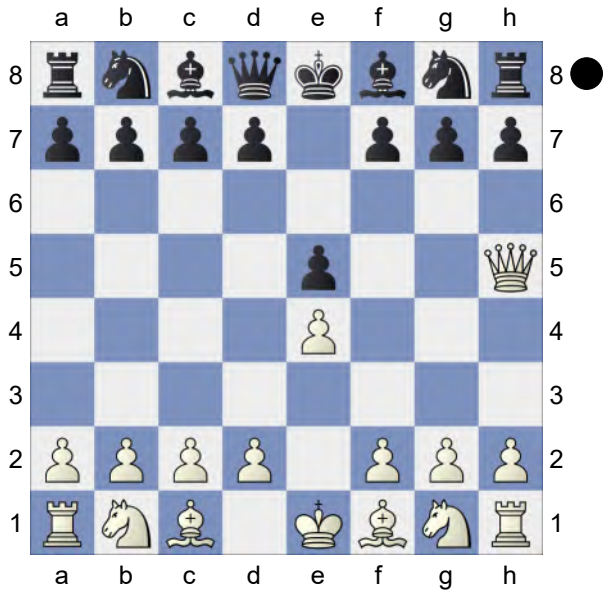
[5] **13.0-0** c6 14.Nb4 will be met with 14...a5 and the Knight has no squares. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #5

[6] **13.Ne2** dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6 Removing our Queen from the pin and White's Queen on f3 is certainly misplaced. Maybe next we will play ...c5, strengthening our pawn on d4. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #4

[7] **7.a3** 7.Nbc3 just transposes to the 6. Nc3 d6 7. d3 line. 7...d5 The same idea. Without White's Nc3, this break is definitively a headache for White. 8.Bxd5 8.exd5 is met by... 8...e4 as discussed in the previous line. The text move with 8. Bd5 is only possible thanks to the fact that the Knight to b4 jump is guarded by White's pawn on a3. 8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 The only difference compared to the 6.h3-line is that here ...Nb4 is not possible, so we have to retreat to e7. 10.Nbc3 10.c4 is met by 10 ...c6 and the d3 pawn becomes a potential weakness 10...Nf5 Right now the d5 pawn is protected by White, so we change our plans to harass the Queen on f3. There is a forcing draw available now with... Nh4-Nf5 and the Queen has no proper squares to hide. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #3

[8] With an astounding attack building up. All our pieces are directed towards White's King. 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #2

[9] And we have free play. With double Bishops and active pieces, we have a huge advantage. Line 1. Rare 2nd Moves-2. Qh5 #1



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3	. . .	Bc4	Qf3	Nc3	Nge2[10]	h3[11]	a4	Bxe6	
	d6	g6N[7]	Nf6[8]	Bg7[9]	0-0	c6	Be6	fxe6[12]	
4	. . .	Nf3[13]	Qh4	Bc4	0-0	Re1	Ng5	Nxf7	
	Nc6	Nf6[14]	Be7[15]	0-0[16]	d6	Bg4	h6	Rxf7[17]	
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	. . .	Qe7[18]	Nf6	d6	Be6	h6	Bxc4	Qe6[21]	
6	. . .	. . .	Nc3	Qd1[22]	d3	a3	Qd2	Nf3	
	. . .	. . .	Nf6	Qb4[23]	Bc5	Qb6	Bd4	Ng4[24]	
7	. . .	. . .	Nc3[25]	Qxg6	Nb5	Nxd6+[26]	c3[27]	d3	
	. . .	Qf6N	Qg6	hxg6	Bd6	cxd6±	Nge7	b6[28]	±
8	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nf3[29]	a3	d3	Qxg6	Ng5	
	. . .	. . .	Bc5	Nge7	d6	Qg6	hxg6	Nd8[30]	

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9	. . .	. . .	Qd1	d3[31]	Nc3	h4	h5	Rxh5
	. . .	g6	Nf6	Bg7	0-0[32]	d6	Nxh5	gxh5[33]
10	. . .	. . .	Qf3	Nc3[34]	Qd1	d3	Bb3	a4
	. . .	. . .	Qe7N	Nd4	c6	b5	a5	b4[35]
11	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nc3[36]	Qd1	Nge2	0-0	Bb3
	. . .	. . .	Qf6	Nd4[37]	c6[38]	Bc5[39]	b5	d6[40]
12	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ne2[41]	d3[42]	d4	d5	Bd3
	. . .	. . .	f5	Nf6	f4	Bg7	Na5	c6[43]
13	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ne2[44]	d3[46]	Nbc3	h3[49]	Bg5[51]
	. . .	. . .	Nf6	Bg7[45]	d6[47]	0-0[48]	Be6[50]	h6[52]

[1] **2...Qe7** 3.Bc4 [3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qd1 Qe6 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 Qb6 7.Qe2 d6 8.Na4 Qa5 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.d3 0-0 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bg5 Bg4 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Nh4 Qb5 15.b3 f6 16.Be3 a5 17.Rb1 a4 18.b4 a3 19.c4 Qa4 20.Nf5 Rab8 21.0-0 Bxf5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.g4 b6 24.Rb3 d5 25.cxd5 Ra8 26.Rc1 Ra7 27.d4 h5 28.h3 hxg4 29.hxg4 exd4 30.Bxd4 Re8 31.Re3 Kf8 32.Rh3 Kg8 33.g5 Nxf5 34.d6 cxd6 35.Bd5+ Kf8 36.Qf4 Ke7 37.gxf6+ Kd8 38.f7 Rf8 39.Qxf5 Rc7 40.Qg5+ Kc8 41.Bxg7 Rxf7 42.Rh8+ Nf8 43.Bxf7 Qd1+ 44.Rxd1 Rxf7 45.Rxd6 Kb7 46.Rxf8 Rxf8 47.Rd7+ Kc8 48.Qd5 Kb8 49.Qb7# Normal 1-0 (49) Hoon_Bot (2633)-Phalanx-XXV (2389) Blitz 2024]

3...d6 4.d3 [4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qd1 c6 6.a4 Qd8 7.d3 g6 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Kh1 a5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Qb6 15.Bb3 Nc5 16.Ba2 Qxb2 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.Nxe5 Nfxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qf4 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Ng5 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Qxg5 c5 24.Rf6 Qb1+ 1-0 (24) BulletCoach (2623)-prof28 (2523) Blitz 2024]

4...g6 5.Qe2 Bg7 6.h4 h5 7.Nh3 Nh6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 Bg4 10.f3 Bxh3 11.Rxh3 c6 12.Nc3 Nf7 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 b4 16.Nb1 Nd7 17.Be3 Bh6 18.Nd2 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Nc5 20.Rg3 Rg8 21.d4 Ne6 22.d5 cxd5 23.Bxd5 Rc8 24.Qb6 Kf8 25.Nc4 Nd4 26.Rxd4 exd4 27.Qxd4 g5 28.Bxf7 Qxf7 29.Qxd6+ Kg7 30.b3 Rgd8 31.Qa6 Qc7 32.e5 Qc5 33.Qxf6+ Kh7 34.Rxg5 Rd1+ 35.Kxd1 Qg1+ 36.Ke2 1-0 (36) Botvinnik_1948 (2559)-Chu-do (2553) Blitz 2024

2...g6 3.Qxe5+ Be7 4.Qxh8 Nc6 5.Bc4 Bf6 6.Qxg8+ Ke7 7.Qxf7+ Kd6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Bf4+ Be5 10.Qd5+ Ke7 11.Bg5+ Bf6 12.Qf7+ Kd6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qxf6+ Kc5 15.Nd2 a6 16.c3 Nc2+ 17.Ke2 Nxa1 18.Nb3+ Nxb3 19.axb3 b5 20.Qd4+ Kc6 21.Bd5+ Kd6 Normal 1-0 (21) Balmain77 (2588)-

Bottega77 (2376) Blitz 2024

[2] **4.Nc3** Nc6 5.Qg3 0-0 6.e5 this looks strongest, although it is unplayed,
[6.d3? is the most common, but Nd4! is awkward. *(6...d6 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Bh6 g6 9.Bxf8 Qxf8 10.d4 Re8 11.d5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.0-0-0 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Ne5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bc4 Bd6 17.Rhe1 Qe7 18.f4 exf4 19.Rxe7 fxg3 20.Rxe8+ Kg7 21.h3* 1-0 (21) Ali-D-55 (2727)-Ali-G-7 (2312) Blitz 2024 *)*]
[6.Be2 d5 7.d3 Re8]
6...Nh5 7.Qf3 g6 with good play.
4.Qg3 0-0 5.e5 can be met by 5...Ne4 6.Qe3 d5

[3] **5...d5** 6.e5 Ng4 7.Nf3 f6 8.e6 Bxe6 9.d4 Bd6 10.Qd2 c6 11.h3 Nh6 12.Bd3 Bf5 13.Ne2 Nd7 14.c3 Re8 15.Qc2 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nf7 17.0-0 Qc7 18.Bd2 Re7 19.Rae1 Rae8 20.Nc1 Nb6 21.b3 Rxe1 22.Bxe1 Qe7 23.Bd2 Nc8 24.Re1 Qd8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Ne2 Ne7 27.Kf1 Qd7 28.Bf4 Qf5 29.Qxf5 Nxf5 30.Nd2 g5 31.Bxd6 N7xd6 32.Nc1 Kf7 33.Nd3 h5 34.Ke2 h4 35.f4 Kg6 36.fxg5 fxg5 37.Ne5+ Kf6 38.Kf3 a6 39.Ke2 Ng3+ 40.Kd3 Kf5 41.c4 Nge4 42.Ndf3 Kf4 43.Ke2 Nc3+ 44.Kd3 Nxa2 45.c5 Ne4 46.Ke2 Nc1+ 47.Kd1 Nxb3 48.Ke2 Nxd4+ 49.Nxd4 Kxe5 50.Nb3 a5 51.Nxa5 Nxc5 52.Kf3 Kd6 53.Kg4 b6 54.Nxc6 Kxc6 55.Kxg5 b5 56.Kxh4 b4 57.g4 b3 58.g5 b2 59.g6 b1Q 60.Kg5 Qe4 61.h4 Ne6+ 62.Kh6 Qxh4# 0-1 (62) BulletCoach (2605)-hacked_brain (2516) Blitz 2024
5...Nc6 6.Nf3 d5 7.e5 Ng4 8.h3 Nh6 9.d4 f6 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.Qd2 Nf5 12.Ne2 Re8 13.c3 Nd6 14.Qc2 Bf5 15.Qb3 Na5 16.Qa4 Nac4 17.g4 Be4 18.Bg2 Bd3 19.Nfg1 c6 20.Qd1 Be4 21.Nf3 Qe7 22.0-0 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Rf8 24.Ng3 Bh4 25.Kg2 Bxg3 26.fxg3 Rf7 27.Bf4 Raf8 28.b3 g5 29.bxc4 gxf4 30.cxd5 fxg3 31.dxc6 bxc6 32.Qd3 Qh4 33.Rae1 1-0 (33) BulletCoach (2613)-DragonMaster3000 (2455) Blitz 2024

[4] **10.Qxe4** Bc5 11.c3 Bb6 12.d4 Ne7 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Qh4 Nd5 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.a4 a6 17.Re1 c5 18.a5 Ba7 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Ng5 Bc8 22.Rd1 Rxe5 23.Bf4 Rf5 24.Ne4 Ba7 25.g3 Be6 26.Nd6 Rxd6 27.Bxd6 Rxf2 28.Kh1 Ne3 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Rd4 Bxd4 31.cxd4 Rxb2 32.h3 Nf5 33.Bf4 Nxd4 34.Be5 Rd2 35.Bxd4 Rxd4 36.Rb1 Rd7 37.Rb6 Re7 38.Kg2 Kf7 39.Kf3 h6 40.Ke4 Kf6 41.g4 g6 42.Kf4 g5+ 43.Ke4 Rc7 44.Rd6 Rc4+ 45.Kd3 Ra4 46.Rd7 Rxa5 47.Rh7 Rd5+ 48.Ke4 b5 49.Rxh6+ Ke7 50.Rh7+ Kd6 51.Ra7 a5 52.Ra6+ Ke7 53.Rxa5 Kf6 54.Ra6 Rc5 55.Kd4 Rc4+ 56.Kd3 Rb4 57.Kc3 Rb3+ 58.Kxb3 b4 59.Kxb4 Ke5 60.Kc3 Kf4 61.Rxe6 Kg3 62.Rg6 Kh4 63.Kd3 Kxh3 64.Rxg5 Kh4 65.Rg7 Kg3 66.Ke4 Kh4 67.Kf5 Kg3 68.g5 Kf3 69.Kf6 Ke3 70.Rh7 Kd3 71.g6 Ke3 72.g7 Ke4 73.g8Q Kd3 74.Qg6+ Kc4 75.Rh5 Kd4 76.Qg4+ Ke3 77.Rh3+ Kf2 78.Qg3+ Kf1 ½-½ (78) BulletCoach (2640)-Fade_To_Grey (2615) Blitz 2024

[5] **5...Re8** 6.Ne2 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbc3 Nc6 9.Bd2 Bf6 10.0-0-0 a5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Bc3 Bxc3 13.Nxc3 Qc5 14.Be2 Nd4 15.Bf3 a4 16.a3

Ra6 17.Rhe1 Rae6 18.Rxe6 Bxe6 19.Re1 b5 20.Bg4 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.Qe5 a3 24.Qb5 axb2+ 25.Kb1 Qf8 26.f4 Rb8 27.Qc4 Ra8 28.Kxb2 Qa3+ 29.Kb1 Qa1# 0-1 (29) travolta10 (2398)-Pukitis (2554) Blitz 2024

[6] **10.e5** Nd7 11.d4 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Nd2 Bd6 14.Qd3 h6 15.Ngf3 hxg5 16.Qg6 g4 17.Ng5 Re7 18.h5 Qe8 19.Qd3 Bf5 20.Qxf5 Rxe2+ 21.Kd1 Ne7 22.Qd3 Rxf2 23.h6 Qg6 24.h7+ Nxh7 25.Qxg6 Nxg6 26.Nxh7 Bf4 27.Nb3 Rxg2 28.Nc5 Rd2+ 29.Ke1 Re8+ 30.Kf1 g3 0-1 (31) AAlmeidaTX (2621)-maseratti9 (2659) Blitz 2024

[7] **3...Qd7** 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7 6.Qg5 Nxe4 7.Qxg7 Bf6 8.Bxf7+ Qxf7 9.Qxf7+ Kxf7 10.d3 Nc5 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Ng5+ Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Nc6 14.0-0 Rhg8 15.f4 Bf5 16.h4 e4 17.Nd5 exd3 18.Nxc7 0-1 Shefler (957)-Fernandez Hernandez,A (1117) 136/46 Batumi 2018 (1)

3...Qf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.a4 Be6 6.Bxe6 Qxe6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.Qf3 Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rfe8 13.h3 Qc4 14.b3 Qb4 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.d5 Rad8 17.Rd3 Nd7 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.R3d2 Bg5 20.dxc6 Bxd2 21.c7 Rc8 22.Nd5 Qxe4 23.Rxd2 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Ne6 25.c4 f6 26.Nec3 Nxc7 27.Nb5 Nxb5 28.axb5 Kf7 29.Nb6 Rcd8 30.Ra2 f5 31.Rxa5 g5 32.Ra7 Rb8 33.Nd7 Ra8 34.Rxb7 Re7 35.c5 dxc5 36.Nxc5 Rxb7 37.Nxb7 Rb8 38.Nd6+ Ke6 39.Nc4 Rxb5 40.Nd2 Rd5 41.Nc4 Rd3 42.Kg2 Rxb3 43.Nd2 Rb6 44.Nf1 Rd6 45.Ng3 h6 46.Nh5 Kd5 47.Ng7 Rf6 48.Nh5 Rf7 49.Ng3 e4 50.Nf1 exf3+ 51.Kxf3 f4 52.Nd2 Ke5 53.Nc4+ Kf5 54.Nd6+ Kf6 55.Ne4+ Kg6 56.Nc5 Rf5 57.Ne6 h5 58.Nd4 Re5 59.Nc6 Re8 60.Nb4 Kf5 61.Nc2 g4+ 62.Kg2 1-0 (62) BulletCoach (2669)-madddy (2529) Blitz 2024

[8] **4...Qf6** 5.Nc3 c6 6.d3 Nd7 7.a4 Bh6 8.Bxh6 White is slightly better. 8...Nxh6 9.Qe3 White is more active. 9...Ng4 10.Qf3 0.13/23 [10.Qg3± 0.99/22 Nh6 11.h3] 10...Qxf3= 11.Nxf3 Nc5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 The position is equal. 13...Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.a5 Ke7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0 g5 18.Ra4 h5 19.Rfa1 Nd7 20.Rb4 Rab8 21.Rc4 Rbc8 22.Rb4 Rb8 23.Rc4 Rbc8 24.Rb4 ½-½ (24) Lu,S (2606)-Li,C (2645) Fuling 2024 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless). Mistake: White=1 --- Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=5 Black=6

[9] **5...c6** 6.a4 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nge2 a5 9.h3 Na6 10.Bxa6 Rxa6 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qf3 Nf6 14.Qg3 Nh5 15.Qf3 Be6 16.g4 Nf6 17.Qg3 d5 18.Qh4 Qb6 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Nd7 21.b3 Raa8 22.Rad1 d4 23.Nb1 Qc5 24.Rc1 b5 25.f4 exf4 26.Nd2 bxa4 27.bxa4 Ne5 28.Nxf4 Rab8 29.Nf3 Nxf3+ 30.Rxf3 Qe5 31.Rcf1 Rb7 32.Kg2 c5 33.Nh5 gxh5 34.Rf5 Bxf5 35.Rxf5 Re6 36.Rg5+ Rg6 37.Qxg6+ hxg6 38.Rxe5 c4 39.Rb5 cxd3 40.cxd3 Rc7 41.Rd5 h4 42.Kf3 Rc1 43.g5 Rg1 44.Rd8+ Kg7 45.Kf4 Rg3 46.Rxd4 Rxh3 47.Kg4 Rh1 48.Rd5 h3 49.Rxa5 h2 50.Kg3 Rd1 51.Kxh2 Rxd3 52.Kg2 Re3 53.Re5 f5

54.a5 fxe4 55.Re7+ Kf8 56.Ra7 Ra3 57.Kf2 e3+ 58.Kf3 Kg8 59.a6 Kh8 60.Ke2 Kg8 61.Rb7 Rxa6 62.Kxe3 Ra2 63.Rb1 Kg7 64.Rc1 Ra5 65.Rb1 Ra2 66.Rc1 Ra4 67.Rb1 Ra2 ½-½ (67) Hoon_Bot (2867)-bot_adario (2590) Blitz 2024

10 **6.a3** Nc6
[6...c6 7.d3 0-0 8.Qg3 *(8.Qd1 d5 9.Ba2 h6 10.Nge2 Be6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.d4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Qe1 c5 17.Nc3 Qd4 18.a4 b6 19.h3 Nc6 20.Nxe4 Qd5 21.c3 Ne5 22.f3 Nd3 23.Qg3 Qf5 24.Rd1 c4 25.Be3 g5 26.Rd2 Be5 27.Qg4 Rad8 28.Rad1 Rd5 29.b3 Nb2 30.Rb1 Rxd2 31.Bxd2 Nd3 32.bxc4 Qxg4 33.hxg4 Rc8 34.Kf1 Rxc4 35.Ke2 Nf4+ 36.Bxf4 Bxf4 37.a5 bxa5 38.Rb7 Rc7 39.Rb5 a4 40.Kd3 a3 41.Kc2 a6 42.Ra5 Ra7 43.Rxa3 Kf7 44.Ra1 a5 45.Kb3 Ra8 46.Ka4 Rb8 47.Rd1 Kf8 48.Kxa5 Rb2 49.g3 Be5 50.c4 Rb3 51.Nc5 Bc7+ 52.Ka4 Re3 53.Rd3 Rxd3 54.Nxd3 Bxg3 55.Nc5 Kg7 56.Ne4 Bf4 57.c5 Kg6 58.Kb5 h5 59.c6 h4 60.Nf2 Kf7 61.Ka6 Ke8 62.Kb7 Ke7 63.Nh3 Bd6 64.c7 Bxc7 65.Kxc7 e5 66.Nxg5 Kf6 67.Nh3 Ke7 68.Kc6 Ke6 69.g5 e4 70.fxe4 Ke5 71.Kd7 Kxe4 72.g6 Kf3 73.g7 Kg2 74.g8Q+ Kxh3 75.Kd6 Kh2 76.Ke5 Kh3 77.Kf4 Kh2 78.Kf3* 1-0 (78) Hoon_Bot (2802)-PurpleHunter (2530) Blitz 2024*)* 8...Nh5 9.Qg5 Bf6 10.Qd2 b5 11.Ba2 a5 12.Nf3 Nf4 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Qe3 Nd7 15.d4 Bg7 16.h3 Be6 17.Rd1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 f5 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Ne2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qe8 22.Be3 e4 23.Nd2 a4 24.Re1 Qe6 25.Raa1 Nb6 26.Qg4 Nc4 27.Nxe4 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Bxd4 29.Rd3 Bxb2 30.Rxd6 Qe5 31.Ra2 Raf8 32.c3 Bc1 33.Ra1 Bb2 34.Re1 Bxa3 35.Rxc6 Kh8 36.Qd1 Re8 37.Re3 Qd5 38.Qxd5 Rxd5 39.c4 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Bc1 41.Nc3 Bxe3 42.Nxd1 Bf4+ 43.g3 b4 44.gxf4 a3 45.Ra6 Re1 46.Ne3 b3 47.Rxa3 b2 48.Rb3 b1Q 49.Rxb1 Rxb1 50.f5 gxf5 51.Nxf5 Rc1 52.Ne3 Rb1 53.Kg3 Kg7 54.f4 Kf6 55.Kf2 Ke6 56.Kf3 Rh1 57.Kg4 Rg1+ 58.Kf3 Rh1 59.Kg4 Re1 60.Kf3 Kd6 61.Nd5 Rc1 62.Kg4 Ke6 63.Ne3 Rg1+ 64.Kf3 Rh1 ½-½ (64) Hoon_Bot (2815)-Intron014 (2940) Blitz 2024]
7.Nge2 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 Bg4 10.Qf4 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.exd5 Re8 13.Ng3 d3 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxd3 Nxd5 16.Qf3 Bc6 17.Bc4 Qd7 18.Bb3 Kh8 19.Qd1 Nf4 20.f3 h5 21.d3 f5 22.Kh1 Qd6 23.Qd2 Bh6 24.Rf2 Qd4 25.Bf7 h4 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Re2 h3 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.gxh3 Bc6 30.Ne4 fxe4 31.dxe4 Qe5 32.Qc3 Qxc3 33.bxc3 Bb5 34.Rb1 Be2 35.Kg1 b6 36.Kf2 Bc4 37.h4 a5 38.a4 Kg8 39.Ra1 Kf7 40.Rb1 Ke6 41.Ra1 Ke5 42.Rb1 Kf6 43.Ra1 Ke6 44.Rb1 Ke5 45.Ra1 Ke6 46.Rb1 Ke7 47.Ra1 Kf8 48.Rb1 Ke8 49.Ke1 Kd7 50.Kf2 Ke8 51.Ra1 Ke7 52.Rb1 Kf7 53.Ra1 Ke7 54.Rb1 Ke6 55.Ra1 Kf6 56.Rb1 Kf7 57.Ra1 Ba6 58.Rb1 Kg8 59.Ke1 Kg7 60.Kf2 Kg8 61.Ke1 Kf8 62.Kf2 Kf7 63.Ra1 Bc4 64.Rb1 Ke7 65.Ba3+ Ke8 66.Bc1 Ba6 67.Ra1 Kf7 68.Rb1 Ke6 69.Ke1 Kf6 70.Kf2 Bc4 71.Ra1 Ke5 72.Rb1 Bf8 73.Be3 Bd6 74.Rd1 Nh5 75.Rg1 Kf6 76.Rd1 Ke7 77.Rg1 Kf7 78.Rd1 Be5 79.Rd8 Bxh2 80.Bg5 Bd6

81.Ke3 Bc5+ 82.Kd2 Bd6 83.Ke3 Bc5+ 84.Kd2 Be6 85.Rb8 Bd6 86.Rb7 Ke8 87.Rb8+ Kf7 88.Rb7 Ke8 89.Rb8+ Kd7 90.Ke3 Bc5+ 91.Kd3 Bd6 92.c4 Kc6 93.Be3 Bc5 94.Bg5 Bd6 95.Be3 Bc5 96.Bxc5 Kxc5 97.Kc3 Bxc4 98.Rc8 c6 99.Ra8 Be6 100.Kd2 b5 101.axb5 Kxb5 102.Re8 Nf4 103.Rf8 Ng2 104.Rf6 Bh3 105.Rxg6 Nxh4 106.Rg3 Bg2 107.Kc3 Bxf3 108.Rh3 Bxe4 109.Rxh4 Bg2 110.Rh2 Bf1 111.Rh1 Be2 112.Rb1+ Kc5 113.Ra1 Bb5 114.Rxa5 Kb6 115.Ra1 c5 116.Rb1 Kc6 117.Kb3 Be2 118.Ka4 Bf3 119.Rf1 Be4 120.Rf6+ Kd5 121.Kb3 Ke5 122.Rf1 Bd5+ 123.Kb2 Kd4 124.Rf4+ Ke5 125.Rh4 Be6 126.Ka3 Kd5 127.Rh5+ Kd4 128.Ka4 Bc4 129.Rg5 Be2 130.Kb3 Bc4+ 131.Ka4 Be2 132.Rg2 Bf1 133.Rg1 Be2 134.Kb3 Bf3 135.Rg3 Be2 136.Rg2 Bc4+ 137.Kb2 Bd5 138.Rg4+ Ke5 139.Kc3 Ba2 140.Kd3 Bd5 141.Ke3 Ba2 142.Rg5+ Kd6 143.Ke4 Bf7 144.Rg3 Bh5 145.Rd3+ Ke6 146.Rd2 Bg6+ 147.Kf3 Bh5+ 148.Ke3 Bf7 149.Ke2 Bh5+ 150.Ke1 Bf3 151.Rd8 Bh1 152.Kd1 Bf3+ 153.Kc1 Bd5 154.Kb2 Ke5 155.c3 Bc4 156.Ka3 Bb5 157.Kb3 Ke6 158.Rb8 Bf1 159.Rc8 Kd5 160.Rd8+ Kc6 161.Ka4 Be2 162.Ka5 Bf1 163.Rd1 Be2 164.Rd8 Bf1 165.Ka4 Be2 166.Kb3 Bf1 167.Rf8 Be2 168.Rf2 Bd3 169.Rf4 Be2 170.Rf2 Bd3 171.Rf4 Be2 172.c4 Bd1+ 173.Kc3 Ba4 174.Rf6+ Kb7 175.Kd3 Bc6 176.Rg6 Bh1 177.Rh6 Bg2 178.Rh7+ Ka6 179.Rh2 Bf1+ 180.Kc3 Kb6 181.Rf2 Bh3 182.Rh2 Bf1 183.Kb3 Bd3 184.Rh6+ Kb7 185.Rh4 Bg6 186.Rh6 Bd3 187.Rh4 Bg6 188.Rh8 Bd3 189.Rf8 Be2 190.Rf4 Bd1+ 191.Kc3 Ba4 192.Rf5 Kb6 193.Kd2 Bb3 194.Rf4 Ba4 195.Rf1 Bc6 196.Ke3 Bg2 197.Rf2 Bh1 198.Rb2+ Kc7 199.Rb1 Bg2 200.Kf4 Bh3 201.Ke5 Bg2 202.Rb5 Kc6 203.Rb1 Kc7 204.Rg1 Bb7 205.Rg7+ Kc6 206.Rh7 Ba8 207.Ke6 Bb7 208.Rh6 Kc7 209.Rg6 Ba8 210.Rg5 Kc6 211.Ke7 Bb7 212.Kd8 Ba6 213.Rg4 Kb6 214.Kd7 Ka5 215.Kd6 Kb4 216.Kc7 Bxc4 217.Kc6 Kb3 218.Kxc5 Bf1 219.Rf4 Be2 220.Kd4 Bd1 221.Rf1 Bc2 222.Rg1 Bf5 223.Re1 Bc2 224.Re3+ Ka2 225.Kc3 Bb1 226.Re2+ Ka1 227.Re1 Ka2 228.Re3 Bf5 229.Re2+ Ka1 230.Re1+ Ka2 231.Re7 Bh3 232.Rf7 Bg4 233.Kc2 Ka3 234.Kc3 Ka2 235.Ra7+ Kb1 236.Rb7+ Ka1 237.Rg7 Bf3 238.Rg6 Be4 239.Rg1+ Ka2 240.Rg4 Bh1 241.Ra4+ Kb1 242.Rb4+ Ka1 243.Ra4+ Kb1 244.Rb4+ Ka1 245.Kc2 Bd5 246.Ra4+ Ba2 247.Kc3 Kb1 248.Rb4+ Ka1 249.Kc2 Bd5 250.Ra4+ Ba2 251.Rg4 Bb1+ 252.Kc3 Ba2 253.Kc2 Bb1+ 254.Kc3 Ba2 255.Rg6 Bb1 256.Rc6 Ba2 257.Rc4 Bxc4

½-½ (255) Hoon_Bot (2869)-YoBot_v2 (2983) Rapid 2024

6.d3 0-0

[6...h6 7.h3 c6 8.a4 Nbd7 9.g4 Nc5 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Be6 12.Nge2 Bxc4 13.dxc4 Ne6 14.Be3 Qd7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Bxa7 c5 17.Bb6 Rde8 18.Nb5 Nd4 19.Nexd4 exd4 20.Rhe1 Qc6 21.Na7+ Kd7 22.Nxc6 bxc6 1-0 (22) BulletCoach (2632)-el-duro32 (2457) Blitz 2024]

7.h3 c6 planning ...d6-d6 or ...b7-b5.

[11] **7.0-0** h6

[7...a5 8.h3

A) 8...c6 9.a4 Re8 10.d3 Na6

11.Bd2 Nb4 *(11...Be6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Qb6 15.Qd3 Nxe4 16.Nxe6 Bxc3 17.Be3 c5 18.Nf4 Bg7 19.Rae1 c4 20.Qxc4 Qxb2 21.Rb1 Rc6 22.Qd5 Qxc2 23.Rxb7 Qc4 24.Qxa5 Nc3 25.g3 Ra6 26.Qc7 Qxc7 27.Rxc7 Rxa4 28.Rd7 Bd4 29.Bxd4 Rxd4 30.Rc1 Nd5 31.Nxd5 Rxd5 32.Rc4 Kf8 33.g4 Re6 34.Rf4 Re7 35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.h4 h6 37.Kg2 Rc7 38.Rf3 h5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Re8 Rd7 41.Rf4 f6 42.Re6 Rf7 43.Kf3 Rd3+ 44.Ke2 Rd5 45.Kf3 Kg6 46.Re8 Kh7 47.Ree4 Rd3+ 48.Ke2 Rd5 49.Kf3 Kg7 50.Re6* Normal ½-½ (50) Hoon_Bot (2765)-YoBot_v2 (2951) Rapid 2024*)* 12.Rac1 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Qg3 d5 15.f3 b5 16.Qf2 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nh5 18.Kh1 Nd5 19.Rfe1 b4 20.c3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Re8 22.Qc5 f5 23.Qc4 Kh8 24.N4g3 Nxg3+ 25.Nxg3 Qd6 26.Nf1 Qe6 27.Qc5 Nf6 28.Rb1 Qd5 29.Qxd5 Nxd5 30.g4 Nf4 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.d4 Bf6 33.Red1 Re6 34.Rb6 Rae8 35.gxf5 gxf5 36.d5 cxd5 37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Rxd5 Re1 39.Rxf5 Kg7 40.Kg2 Re2+ 41.Kh1 Rf2 42.Kg1 Rxf3 43.Rxa5 Rxc3 44.Rf5 Rc4 45.Nd2 Rxa4 46.Nf3 Kg6 47.Rd5 h6 48.Ne5+ Kh5 49.Nf3+ Bg5 50.h4 Ra1+ 51.Kg2 Ra2+ 52.Kh3 Ra3 53.Kg2 Kg4 54.hxg5 ½-½ (54) Hoon_Bot (2888)-zlatana75 (3007) Blitz 2024;

B) 8...Nc6 9.d3 a4 10.Bd2 Nh5 11.Rae1 Kh8 12.Nd5 Na5 13.g4 Nxc4 14.dxc4 c6 15.Ne3 Nf6 16.Rd1 b6 17.Bb4 Ne8 18.Qg3 Kg8 19.Rd3 Ra7 20.Rfd1 Rd7 21.h4 h6 22.f3 Bf6 23.Be1 Ng7 24.Nc3 Ne6 25.Nxa4 Nd4 26.Kh1 Bg7 27.Nc3 f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.exf5 Nxf5 30.Nxf5 Rxf5 31.Qg6 Rf6 32.Qg2 Rff7 33.Qg6 e4 34.Nxe4 d5 35.cxd5 cxd5 36.Nc3 d4 37.Ne2 Rfe7 38.Nxd4 Rxe1+ 39.Rxe1 Qxh4+ 40.Kg2 Qxe1 41.Ne6 Qe2+ 42.Kg1 Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+ 45.Kg2 ½-½ (45) Hoon_Bot (2803)-ttBOT (2926) Blitz 2024;

C) 8...a4 9.d3 c6 10.a3 b5 11.Ba2 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Ng3 Qb6 14.Qd1 c5 15.b3 axb3 16.cxb3 Nc6 17.a4 b4 18.Nb5 Na5 19.Re1 h6 20.Be3 Rf7 21.Nf1 Kh7 22.Rc1 Bf8 23.Nd2 d5 24.Nf3 Nd7 25.Bd2 d4 26.Nh2 Be7 27.Rf1 g5 28.h4 Rg8 29.hxg5 Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Rxg5 31.g3 Qb8 32.Kg2 Qf8 33.Rb1 Nc6 34.Qe2 Rg8 35.Rbc1 Rfg7 36.Nf3 Nf6 37.Rh1 Ng4 38.Rh3 Na5 39.Rb1 Rf7 40.Rh5 Rf6 41.Rb2 Rfg6 42.Rh3 R8g7 43.Nh2 Nxh2 44.Rxh2 Rf7 45.Kg1 c4 46.bxc4 Nb7 47.a5 Nc5 48.Ra2 Na6 49.Rd2 Nc5 50.Ra2 b3 51.Ra1 Rf3 52.a6 Nxd3 53.a7 b2 54.Rb1 Nc1 55.Qe1 Nd3 56.Qe2 Nxf2 57.Rxf2 Rfxg3+ 58.Kh2 R3g4 59.Kh3 Qg8 60.Rxb2 d3 61.Qxg4 Rxg4 62.a8Q Qxa8 63.Kxg4 Qxe4+ 64.Kh3 Qh1+ 65.Kg3 e4 66.Kf4 e5+ 67.Kxe5 e3 68.Rf7+ Kg6 69.Rf6+ Kg5 70.Rf5+ Kg6 71.Rf6+ Kg5 72.Rf5+ Kh4 ½-½ (72) Hoon_Bot (2892)-zlatana75 (3003) Blitz 2024]

[7...c6 8.a4 a6 9.h3 Be6 10.d3 d5 11.Ba2 Qd6 12.a5 Nbd7 13.Ng3 d4

14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.Na4 c5 16.Qe2 h5 17.Re1 Qc6 18.b3 Rac8 19.Nb2 Rce8 20.Nc4 Nh7 21.Nf1 Re6 22.Bd2 Rb8 23.f4 exf4 24.Bxf4 Be5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Qf2 Nf6 27.Ng3 Nfd7 28.Ne2 Rbe8 29.Bd2 Rf6 30.Qh4 Kg7 31.Nf4 Rd6 32.Rf1 f6 33.Qg3 Kh7 34.Nxh5 gxh5 35.Rf5 Ng6 36.Rxh5+ Kg7 37.Bh6+ Kf7 38.Bf4 Nde5 39.Rh7+ Kf8 40.Bxe5 fxe5 41.Rf1+ Rf6 42.Rf5 Kg8 43.Rh6 Ree6 44.Qg5 Rd6 45.h4 b6 46.h5 Rde6 47.hxg6 Rxg6 48.Qh5 Ref6 49.Rxf6 Qxf6 50.Rxg6+ Kf7 51.Rxf6+ Kxf6 52.axb6 a5 53.b7 Ke6 54.Qf5+ Kd6 55.b8Q+ Ke7 56.Qbf8# 1-0 (56) Hoon_Bot (2861)-bot_adario (2595) Rapid 2024]

8.d3 c6 9.a3 b5 10.Ba2 a5 11.h3 Kh7

[11...Nbd7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rfb1 Kh7 14.b4 Nh5 15.bxa5 f5 16.Qe3 f4 17.Qf3 Qxa5 18.a4 b4 19.Nd1 c5 20.c3 b3 21.Bxb3 d5 22.Ra2 Qc7 23.Rab2 dxe4 24.dxe4 c4 25.Bxc4 Nc5 26.Rxb7 Nxb7 27.Bd5 Rab8 28.c4 Nc5 29.Rb5 Nxa4 30.Ba5 Qa7 31.Bb4 Rxb5 32.cxb5 Rc8 33.Kh2 Qb6 34.Qd3 f3 35.Qxf3 Qxb5 36.Be7 Qd7 37.Qa3 Qc7 38.Ne3 Nc5 39.Bxc5 Qxc5 40.Qb2 Nf4 41.Ng1 Qc1 42.Qa2 Rb8 43.Nf3 Qb2 44.Ng4 Qxa2 45.Bxa2 Rb2 46.Bc4 Rc2 47.Ba6 Ne6 48.Bd3 Rc5 49.h4 Ra5 50.g3 Nd4 51.Kg2 Nxf3 52.Kxf3 Bf8 53.Bc4 Kg7 54.Ke2 Bb4 55.Ne3 Rc5 56.Kd1 Bc3 57.Ke2 Bd4 58.Bd5 Rc3 59.Kd2 Rc5 60.Ke2 Rb5 61.Nd1 Rb1 62.Be6 Kf6 63.Bd5 Kg7 64.Be6 Kf6 65.Bd5 Ke7 66.Ne3 Kf8 67.Nd1 Ba7 68.Ba2 Rc1 69.Kd2 Ra1 70.Bd5 Ra3 71.Ke2 Bd4 72.Bc4 Ke7 73.Bg8 Kf6 74.Bd5 g5 75.hxg5+ Kxg5 76.Bc4 Ra4 77.Be6 Ra6 78.Bc8 Ra2+ 79.Kf3 h5 80.Bd7 Rd2 81.Ba4 Bc5 82.Ne3 Rd3 83.Bb5 Ra3 84.Bc4 Rc3 85.Ba6 Bxe3 86.fxe3 Rc2 87.Be2 Rb2 88.Bf1 h4 89.Bh3 hxg3 90.Kxg3 Kf6 91.Bg4 Ke7 92.Bf3 Kd6 93.Bd1 Kc5 94.Bg4 Kc4 95.Bf5 Kd3 96.Kf3 Rb8 97.Bg4 Rf8+ 98.Bf5 Kd2 99.Kf2 Rf6 100.Kg3 Kxe3 101.Kg4 Rb6 102.Bh7 Rb4 103.Kf5 Rxe4 104.Bg6 Kd4 105.Ke6 Rf4 106.Bh7 e4 107.Bxe4 Rxe4+ 108.Kf5 Kd5 109.Kf6 Re5 110.Kg7 Ke6 111.Kg6 Ke7 112.Kg7 Re6 113.Kh8 Kf8 114.Kh7 Ra6 115.Kh8 Rh6# 0-1 (115) Hoon_Bot (2858)-zlatana75 (3000) Blitz 2024]

12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Ng3 Nbd7 14.b4 Ne8 15.Qe3 Nc7 16.f3 c5 17.Rfb1 Bc6 18.Qf2 axb4 19.axb4 cxb4 20.Rxb4 Nc5 21.Kh2 Qd7 22.Rab1 Ra7 23.Qe1 Rb8 24.Be3 Rab7 25.R4b2 N5e6 26.Bxe6 Nxe6 27.Bf2 Nc5 28.Na2 Na4 29.Rb3 d5 30.Nb4 d4 31.Ne2 Rc8 32.c3 Rbc7 33.Bg3 Ra7 34.Rc1 Raa8 35.Rbb1 Bb7 36.Kh1 Nc5 37.Rc2 h5 38.Qd2 Bh6 39.Qd1 Bg7 40.Qc1 Na4 41.Qd2 Qd8 42.Qe1 Qe7 43.Bf2 Qd6 44.Qd2 Qd7 45.Qe1 Nc5 46.Qd1 Ra4 47.Bg3 Qe7 48.Be1 Qd6 49.Qd2 Bh6 50.Qd1 Bg7 51.cxd4 exd4 52.Qc1 Bh6 53.Qd1 Bg7 54.Qc1 Raa8 55.Qg5 Bf6 56.Bg3 Qe7 57.Qc1 Bg7 58.Bf2 Qd6 59.Qg1 Nxd3 60.Bg3 Ne5 61.Rxc8 Rxc8 62.Nd3 b4 63.Rxb4 Ba6 64.Rxd4 Qa3 65.Nxe5 Bxe2 66.Nxf7 Rc1 67.Ng5+ Kh6 68.Nf7+ Kh7 69.Ng5+ Kh6 70.Nf7+ Kh7 ½-½ (70) Hoon_Bot (2862)-caissa-x (2975) Rapid 2024

[12] **10.d3** d5 11.Qg3 Nh5 12.Qg4 Qd6 13.Bd2 Na6 14.Rc1 Rf7 15.Ng1 Nc5 16.h4 a5 17.Nf3 Nf4 18.Rd1 Raf8 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Qg3 dxe4 21.dxe4 Qe7 22.0-0 b5 23.b3 b4 24.Ne2 Nxe4 25.Qh3 R4f5 26.Qg4 Nc5 27.Nd2 Rh5 28.g3 Rhf5 29.Qc4 Bh6 30.Kg2 Bxd2 31.Rxd2 g5 32.hxg5 e4 33.Ng1 Rxg5 34.Qe2 e5 35.Nh3 Rg7 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Rfd1 Rfg8 38.Rd6 Qf8 39.Qe2 Nd3 40.R1xd3 exd3 41.Rxd3 Re7 42.Qe4 Rg6 43.c4 Kg8 44.Rf3 Rf6 45.Re3 Qc8 46.Qd3 Kg7 47.Qe2 Qf5 48.f3 h5 49.Nf2 Rd6 50.Re4 Qg5 51.f4 Qf5 52.fxe5 Rg6 53.Qe3 Qg5 54.Nd3 Qxe3 55.Rxe3 Re8 56.Kf3 Kf7 57.Nc5 Ke7 58.Ke2 Rg5 59.Nd3 Reg8 60.Kf2 Rf5+ 61.Ke2 h4 62.gxh4 Rg2+ 63.Ke1 Rh2 64.e6 c5 65.Ne5 Rh1+ 66.Ke2 Kxe6 67.Nf3+ Kf6 68.Rd3 Rh3 69.Rd6+ Ke7 70.Rd3 Rf4 71.Kf2 Rhxh4 72.Re3+ Kf6 73.Re8 Kf7 74.Re3 Rh8 75.Rd3 Ke7 76.Ke3 Rf6 77.Ng5 Rf5 78.Ne4 Rh4 79.Ng3 Rg5 80.Kd2 Rh2+ 81.Kd1 Ke6 82.Ne2 Rf5 83.Ng3 Rh3 84.Re3+ Re5 85.Rf3 Rg5 86.Ne4 Rg1+ 87.Ke2 Rxf3 88.Kxf3 Ke5 89.Nxc5 Kd4 90.Nb7 Rb1 91.Nxa5 Kc5 92.Nb7+ Kb6 93.Nd6 Rxb3+ 94.Ke4 Rb1 95.Ke3 b3 96.Kd2 b2 0-1 (96) Hoon_Bot (2869)-YoBot_v2 (3009) Blitz 2024

[13] **3.Qxf7+** Kxf7 4.Bc4+ Ke8 5.Be6 dxe6 6.Nf3

[6.Na3 Nf6 7.Nh3 Bd6 8.Nf4 Bd7 9.Nb5 exf4 10.Nxa7 Rxa7 11.b4 e5 12.b5 Nd4 13.Ba3 Nxc2+ 14.Ke2 Nxa3 15.Kf3 Nxb5 16.g3 Nd4+ 17.Kg2 f3+ 18.Kg1 Bh3 0-1 (18) toomanymanoevres (2895)-silence404 (2825) Blitz 2024]

6...Nf6 7.Ng5 Nd4 8.Nf7 Kxf7 0-1 (8) toomanymanoevres (2882)-silence404 (2838) Blitz 2024

3.f4 exf4 4.g4 fxg3 5.c4 g2 6.d4 0-1 (6) Mr_Chess_Berserk (2886)-Good10Years_Play (3053) Rapid 2024

3.Qf3 Kosten,Tony: 'MH' 3...Nd4 4.Qc3 Nf6 5.f3 g6 6.Ne2 c5 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 d3 12.Bxd3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Qxe4 16.Re1 Bg4+ 17.Re2 0-1 Caselas Cabanas,J-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995 17...Qxe2+ 0-1 Caselas Cabanas,J-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2851) 64/308 Santa Clara 1995

3.h3 h6 4.Bc4 Be7 5.a3 a6 6.Qxf7# 1-0 (6) Didnt-play-badly-br0 (2553)-Mr_Chess_Berserk (2570) Classical 2024

[14] **3...g6** 4.Qg5 Be7 5.Qe3 Nf6 6.Bb5 0-0 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5 Re8 9.0-0 Bd6 10.d4 c5 11.f4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 b6 13.Nc6 Qd7 14.Qxf6 Qxc6 15.e5 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Qxf6 17.exf6 Ba6 18.Rd1 Be2 19.Rd5 Bb5 20.Bd2 Bc6 21.Re5 Rxe5 22.fxe5 Re8 23.Bc3 b5 24.b4 Be3 25.Na3 h5 26.Re1 Bg5 27.Kg1 h4 28.Nb1 h3 29.gxh3 Rd8 30.e6 fxe6 31.Rxe6 Bd5 32.Re7 Bxa2 33.Rg7+ Kf8 34.Na3 Bf7 35.Nxb5 c6 36.Nc7 Bf4 37.Na6 Bh6 38.Rh7 Be3+ 39.Kf1 Bc4+ 40.Ke1 Kg8 41.f7+ Kf8 42.Rh8+ 1-0 (42) SHINZOUWOSASAGEYO (2644)-Karl0choa (2664) Blitz 2024

[15] **4...Bc5** 5.c3 0-0 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5 Re8 9.d4 Bxd4 10.cxd4 Qxd4 11.f4 Qxe4+ 12.Kf2 Rxe5 13.fxe5 Qxh4+ 0-1 (13)

SHINZOUWOSASAGEYO (2653)-Saraci,N (2767) Blitz 2024

[16] **5...d5** 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Qg3 0-0 8.0-0 Nb6 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.Qg5 Qxg5 11.Nxg5 Nd4 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nge4 Nxb3 14.axb3 f5 15.Ng3 e4 16.f3 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 exf3 18.Rxf3 Bd7 19.d3 g6 20.Be3 Bd6 21.Raf1 Rfe8 22.Bf4 Bc6 23.R3f2 Bxf4 24.Rxf4 Nd7 25.h4 Nf6 26.h5 Ng4 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.Rxf5 Re7 30.Rg5+ Rg7 31.Rff5 Ne3 32.Re5 Nxg2 33.Rg6 0-1 (33) Nicolochess (2486)-T-Stevenson (2561) Blitz 2024

[17] **10.d3** Qd7 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.h3 Nd4 13.Na3 Be6 14.c3 Nc6 15.f4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Kg8 17.d4 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Rf1 Rf8 20.Qe3 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Bxa3 22.bxa3 Na5 23.Qf3 Nc4 24.Kg1 b6 25.Bf4 Qf7 26.Rf1 g5 27.Bc1 Qxf3 28.Rxf3 b5 29.g4 a5 30.Kh2 Kg7 31.Kg2 c6 32.Kh2 Nb6 33.Bb2 Na4 34.Ba1 Nb6 35.Bb2 Bf7 36.Kg2 Bg6 37.Kg1 Nd7 38.Bc1 Nf8 39.Kf1 Ne6 40.Ke1 c5 41.dxc5 N6xc5 42.Be3 Nd3+ 43.Ke2 Nxe5 44.Bd4 Bf7 45.Bxe5+ Kg6 46.Bd4 Nd6 47.Rf6+ 1-0 (47) SHINZOUWOSASAGEYO (2633)-Kivurawnuru (2864) Blitz 2024

[18] **3...h6** 4.Nc3 Qg5 5.Qxf7+ Kd8 6.Qxf8# 1-0 (6) Mr_Chess_Berserk (2912)-Pobeditel_Typnipov (3010) Rapid 2024

3...Nf6 4.g3

[4.a3 a6 5.b3 b6 6.a4 a5 7.b4 axb4 8.Bb2 b3 9.cxb3 b5 10.a5 b4 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nd2 Rb8 13.Ne2 Rc8 14.0-0 h6 15.Qxf7# 1-0 (15) AynenKardes (2674)-HerkesAdamOlcak (2426) Rapid 2024]

4...a6 5.a3 b6 6.b3 a5 7.a4 b5 8.b4 Bxb4 9.c3 bxa4 10.cxb4 axb4 11.Bb2 a3 12.Bb3 axb2 13.Ne2 bxa1Q 14.Qxf7# 1-0 (14) AynenKardes (2647)-HerkesAdamOlcak (2441) Rapid 2024

[19] **4.Ne2** Nf6 5.Qf3 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Nbc3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Bxd7+ Kxd7 11.Ne2 Qxe4 12.Qb3 Re8 13.Qb5+ Kc8 14.Kd1 c6 15.f3 cxb5 16.fxe4 Nxe4 17.Rf1 d3 18.cxd3 Nf6 19.b3 d5 20.Bb2 Bd6 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rxf6 Re6 23.Rxf7 Rhe8 24.Rc1+ Kb8 25.Nd4 Re1+ 26.Kc2 Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Rexc1 28.Nxb5 R8c2# 0-1 (28) Paavo87 (2551)-Muerto2014 (2528) Blitz 2024

[20] **5.Qf3** d5 6.exd5 Bg4 7.Qg3 Na5 8.Bb5+ c6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Be2 Qe6 11.Bxg4 Nxg4 12.h3 Nf6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Qh4 0-0 15.0-0 e4 16.Ng5 Qe5 17.f4 exf3 18.Nxf3 Qe2 19.d4 Nc4 20.Ng5 Ne3 21.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 h6 23.Nf3 Ne4 24.Re1 Nf2+ 25.Kg1 Nxh3+ 26.Kh1 Nf2+ 27.Kg1 Nh3+ 28.Kh1 Nf2+ 29.Qxf2 Qxf2 30.Nbd2 Rae8 31.Ne4 Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Qxb2 33.Rae1 Qxc3 34.Rg4 Rb8 35.Rf1 Qd3 36.Rg1 Rb1 37.Nh4 Rxg1+ 38.Kxg1 Qd1+ 39.Kf2 Qxg4 40.Nf3 Qg3+ 41.Ke2 Bf4 42.Kf1 Be3 43.Ke2 Qf2+ 44.Kd3 Qxg2 45.Ne5 Qf2 46.Ke4 Bd2 47.d5 Qe3+ 48.Kf5 g6+ 49.Kf6 Bc3 50.Ke7 Qxe5+ 51.Kd7 Qxd5+ 52.Kc7 c5 53.a4 Ba5+ 54.Kb8 Qd6+ 55.Kxa7 1-0 (55) Dontknowhowtochess96 (2555)-Unknown_Light (2546) Blitz 2024

[21] **10.Qxe6+** fxe6 11.d3 Be7 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Be3 a6 14.Na3 Nh5 15.g4 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.d4 d5 18.e5 g5 19.Kd2 Kg7 20.Nc2 Kg6 21.Kd3 Rh8 22.h4 Raf8 23.h5+ Kf7 24.Rhb1 Ra8 25.Nc1 Rhb8 26.Nb3 b6 27.Ne1 Ke8 28.Kc2 Kd7 29.Nd3 a5 30.b5 Nd8 31.Nd2 Rc8 32.c4 dxc4 33.Nxc4 Rab8 34.Kd2 Nf7 35.Nf2 c5 36.bxc6+ Rxc6 37.Kd3 Kc7 38.Ne4 Rd8 39.Rb5 Bc5 40.Ncd6 Nxd6 41.exd6+ Bxd6 42.Ke2 Bb4 43.Rd1 Rc2+ 44.Kf1 Rc4 45.d5 Rxd5 46.Rbxd5 exd5 47.Nf6 d4 48.Ke2 Rc2+ 49.Kd3 Rc3+ 50.Kxd4 Rxf3 51.Ke4 Rg3 52.Kf5 Kc6 53.Ne4 Rg2 54.Rd3 b5 55.axb5+ Kxb5 56.Rd5+ Kc4 57.Rd8 a4 58.Rc8+ Kb3 59.Rb8 a3 60.Nc5+ Kc4 61.Ne4 a2 62.Ra8 Bc3 63.Kg6 a1Q 64.Rc8+ Kd3 65.Nc5+ Kc2 66.Ne6 Qa6 67.Re8 Qc6 68.Re7 f3 69.Kh7 Qxe6 70.Rxe6 f2 71.Rf6 Bxf6 72.Kxh6 Rxg4 73.Kg6 f1Q 74.h6 Rh4 75.h7 Rxh7 76.Kxh7 Bd4 77.Kg6 Qf6+ 78.Kh5 Qf5 79.Kh6 Qf4 80.Kh5 g4 81.Kh4 Bf2+ 82.Kh5 g3 83.Kg6 g2 84.Kh5 Qg3 85.Kh6 g1Q 86.Kh5 Q1h2# Normal 0-1 (86) willzeitnot (2585)-Kesha05 (2577) Blitz 2024

[22] **5.Qh4** Nd4 6.Nb5
[6.Kd1 d6 7.d3 Bg4+ 8.f3 Be6 9.Bg5 Bxc4 10.dxc4 Qe6 11.b3 Be7 12.Nd5 0-0-0 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.c3 Bxh4 0-1 (15) stolelaf (2572)-AM0R_FATI (2571) Blitz 2024]
[6.Bb3 d6 7.Nge2 c6 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 g5 10.Qxg5 Rg8 11.Qf4 Rg4 12.Qf3 Rxe4 13.h3 Rh4 14.0-0 Bg7 15.d3 Nd7 16.Ng3 Ne5 17.Qe2 a5 18.f4 a4 19.fxe5 axb3 20.exd6 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 Rxa2 22.Bg5 Rh5 23.Be7 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 bxc2 25.Rc1 Re5 26.Rxc2 Bf5 27.Nf4 Re3 28.Rc5 Bg6 29.Ra5 Rxe7 30.Ra8+ Kd7 31.dxe7 Kxe7 32.Nxg6+ hxg6 33.Ra7 Bh6 34.Rxb7+ Ke6 35.Kf2 Bf4 36.Kf3 Be5 37.h4 f5 38.g4 fxg4+ 39.Kxg4 c5 40.Rb6+ Kd5 41.b3 Bd6 42.Ra6 Ke5 43.Kg5 Be7+ 44.Kg4 Bd6 45.Ra8 Be7 46.Rg8 Kf6 47.Rc8 Kf7 48.Rc6 Kg7 49.h5 gxh5+ 50.Kxh5 Kf7 51.Kg4 Ke8 52.Kf5 Kd7 53.Ra6 Bd6 54.Ke4 Ke6 55.Rb6 Kd7 56.Kd5 Bf8 57.Rb5 c4 58.bxc4 Kc7 59.Kxd4 Kc6 60.Rg5 Be7 61.Rg6+ Kc7 62.Kd5 Bb4 63.d4 Bf8 64.c5 Kc8 65.Rg8 Kb7 66.Rxf8 Ka6 67.Kc6 1-0 (67) Abarca Gonzalez,N (2384)-Madaminov,M (2533) chess.com INT 2024]
6...Nxc2+ 7.Kd1 Qc5 8.d3 Nxa1 9.Be3 Qc6 10.Nf3 d6 11.Ng5 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nxe6 Qc2+ 14.Ke1 Qxd3 15.Nexc7+ Kf7 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Qh3 Qxe4+ 18.Kf1 Rxc7 19.Nxc7 Qc4+ 20.Kg1 Qxc7 21.Qb3+ Nxb3 0-1 (22) AAlmeidaTX (2592)-AM0R_FATI (2570) Blitz 2024
5.Qf3 Kosten,Tony: '?!' 5...Nd4 6.Qd1
[6.Qd3? c6 7.Nf3 Tuktamisova,D (1615)-Golubas,E (1169) Kishinev 2022, 1-0 (42), d5! 8.exd5? Bf5]
6...c6
[6...b5! 7.Nxb5 Qc5 8.Nxd4 Qxc4]
7.Nge2
[7.d3 b5 8.Bb3 a5 Manigk,S (2236)-Kiesekamp,M (2306) Germany 2017, 0-1 (41).]
7...g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.d3 0-0 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bb3 Bg4 14.f3 Rfe8 15.Nf4 Be6 16.Bd2 Rac8 17.Qe1 Qc7 18.Qg3 Bd7 19.Rae1 Bc6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1

Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Bh6 23.g3 Qd6 24.Bb4 Qc7 25.Qe7 Qxe7 26.Bxe7 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Nd7 28.Kf2 f6 29.f5 g5 30.f4 gxf4 31.Kf3 Kf7 32.Bd6 b6 33.Kxf4 a5 34.a3 Nc5 35.Ba2 Nb7 36.Bc7 b5 37.Bb6 b4 38.Bxd4 bxa3 39.bxa3 a4 40.c4 Nd6 41.cxd5 Bb5 42.Bc5 Ke7 43.d4 Bd3 44.h4 Kd7 45.h5 Bc2 46.Bxd6 Kxd6 47.Bc4 Bb3 48.Bb5 Bxd5 49.Bxa4 h6 50.Be8 Bc4 51.Bg6 Kd5 52.Bf7+ Kxd4 53.Bxc4 Kxc4 54.Ke4 Kc5 55.a4 Kc4 56.a5 Kc5 57.a6 Kb6 58.Kd5 Kxa6 59.Ke6 Kb5 60.Kxf6 Kc5 61.Kg6 Kd5 62.f6 Ke5 63.f7 Kf4 64.f8Q+ 1-0 (64) hhcuuid (2631)-Frutek (2546) Blitz 2024

[23] **5...Nd4** 6.Nge2 c6 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 0-0 13.h4 d6 14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Nd1 Bg4 16.f3 Be6 17.Ne3 Nh5 18.Bh2 Qf6 19.g4 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nf5 Qxb2 22.Rab1 Qf6 23.Rxb7 d5 24.Ne7+ Kh7 25.Qh2+ Bh6 26.Bb3 Rae8 27.exd5 cxd5 28.Nc6 Bc8 29.Rc7 Qd6 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Nd4 Qc5 32.Qf2 Bg7 33.Nf5 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Rcd8 35.Rh1+ Kg6 36.Bxd5 Bd4+ 37.Kg2 Rh8 38.Rxh8 Bxh8 39.Bb3 Bc3 40.Kf1 Kf6 41.Ke2 Rh8 42.d4 Rh2+ 43.Kd3 Ba5 44.Ke4 Re2+ 45.Kd5 Rf2 46.Kc6 Rxf3 47.d5 Rf1 48.d6 Rg1 49.d7 Rxg4 50.Ne3 fxe3 0-1 (50) Hamisandwich (2665)-gbhustler (2607) Blitz 2024

5...g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.f4 d6 8.Nf3 Na5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 c6 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Nh5 14.Be3 b5 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 f6 18.Qe3 a5 19.Ne2 c5 20.g4 Ng7 21.Ng3 g5 22.Kh2 Bf7 23.Rf2 Bg6 24.Raf1 Ne6 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Nf4 27.Ng1 a4 28.bxa4 Rxa4 29.Ne2 Qc7 30.Nxf4 gxf4 31.Qf3 c4 32.Rg1 cxd3 33.cxd3 h6 34.h4 Rf7 35.g5 hxg5 36.Qh5 Qd7 37.Rfg2 Rh7 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Qxf6+ Qg7 40.Qxg7+ Kxg7 41.Rxg5+ Kf7 42.h5 Rb4 43.R1g2 f3 44.Rf2 Kf6 45.Rg6+ Kxf5 46.Rxf3+ Rf4 47.Rh3 Rf2+ 48.Rg2 Rxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Kg4 50.Re3 Kf4 51.Re4+ Kf5 52.Rb4 Rxh5 53.Rxb5 Kf4 54.b4 1-0 (54) BulletCoach (2676)-mostrovski (2588) Blitz 2024

5...Qd8 6.d3 Bc5 7.Be3 Bb6 8.Nf3 d6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb3 h6 11.0-0 Qd7 12.a4 Bxb3 13.cxb3 0-0 14.Qd2 Nh7 15.Nd5 f5 16.a5 Bxe3 17.fxe3 fxe4 18.dxe4 Rf7 19.b4 a6 20.Qd3 Raf8 21.b5 axb5 22.Qxb5 Nd8 23.Qxd7 Rxd7 24.b4 Ne6 25.b5 Nc5 26.Nd2 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Ng5 28.Nc3 Rf7+ 29.Ke2 Rf8 30.h4 Nge6 31.Nd5 Ra8 32.Ra3 c6 33.bxc6 bxc6 34.Ne7+ Kf7 35.Nxc6 Ra6 36.Nb4 Ra7 37.Kf3 Nc7 38.Nc4 Nb5 39.Ra1 Ke6 40.Nd5 Nc7 41.Ncb6 Nxd5 42.exd5+ Kf5 43.e4+ Kg6 44.Nc8 Ra6 45.Ke3 Nb3 46.Ra3 Nxa5 47.Kd3 Kh5 48.Nxd6 Rxd6 49.Rxa5 Kxh4 50.Ra7 g5 51.Re7 Kg3 52.Rxe5 Kxg2 53.Re6 Rd7 54.Rxh6 g4 0-1 (55) AAlmeidaTX (2590)-AM0R_FATI (2545) Blitz 2024

5...d6 6.Nge2

[6.d3 h6 7.f4 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Nf3 0-0-0 10.fxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.0-0 Qc5+ 13.Kh1 Be7 14.Qe2 Rhf8 15.Be3 Qa5 16.a3 c6 17.b4 Qc7 18.Rfb1 a6 19.a4 h5 20.b5 cxb5 21.axb5 Qxc3 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.d4 Kd7 24.dxe5 Ng4 25.Bb6 Rc8 26.Rxa6 Qxe5 27.Bg1 Rf2 28.Qd3+ Ke8 29.Ra7 Rd8 30.Qh3 Rdd2 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Rbb7

Rf1 33.Rxe7+ Kg8 34.Rxg7+ Qxg7 35.Rxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qc3+ e5 37.Qxd2 1-0 (37) BulletCoach (2601)-Kastling (2418) Blitz 2024]
6...Be6 7.d3 Cahen,A (2140)-Postny,E (2605) Europe Echecs INT 2020, 0-1 (54), 7...Nxe4!? 8.Bxe6 Nxc3 9.Bxf7+ Qxf7 10.Nxc3 0-0-0 and ...d6-d5 with a clear plus.

[24] **10.0-0** Qc5 11.h3 Nf6 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Nxe4 14.Qf4 Nd6 15.Ba2 0-0 16.Ng3 Re8 17.Bd2 b6 18.Rae1 Bb7 19.Ne4 Ne5 20.Nxc5 1-0 (20) BulletCoach (2615)-evilhamburger (2678) Blitz 2024

[25] **4.f4** g6 5.Qe2 Nd4 6.Qd3 exf4 7.c3 Qh4+ 8.Kf1 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qf6 10.Qe2 d6 11.d4 Bg4 12.Bb5 Nge7 13.d5 a6 14.dxc6 axb5 15.cxb7 Rb8 16.Qxb5+ Bd7 17.Qa6 Bh6 18.c4 0-0 19.Nc3 Bc6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bxb7 22.Qd3 Ra8 23.Bd2 Ba6 0-1 (23) BulletCoach (2630)-marosino77 (2440) Blitz 2024

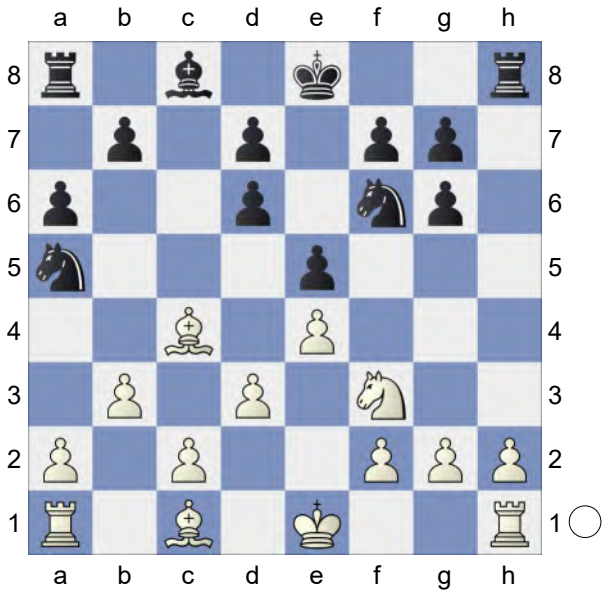
[26] **⩲7.Nf3** 1.25/12 with a clear advantage.

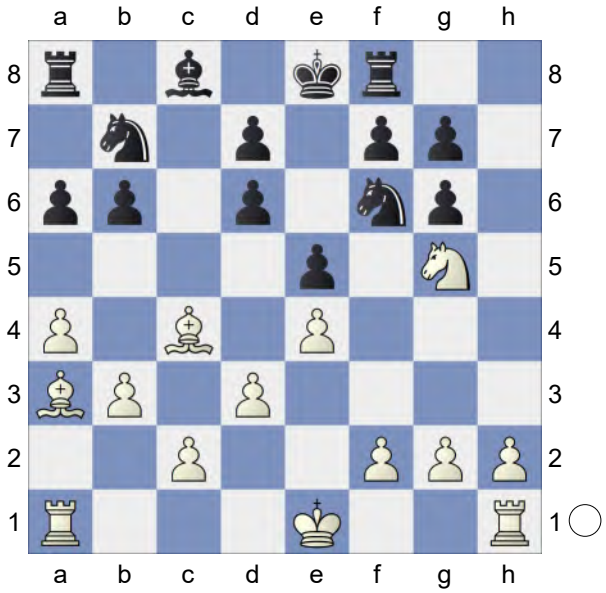
[27] **8.Nf3** White is better. 8...Nf6 1.27/13
[⩲8...f5 0.89/11]
9.d3! Na5 10.b3 a6 2.04/9
[10...Nxc4± 1.44/10 11.bxc4 Kd8]

(Diagram)

11.a4!+- b6 12.Ba3 Nb7 13.Ng5 Rf8

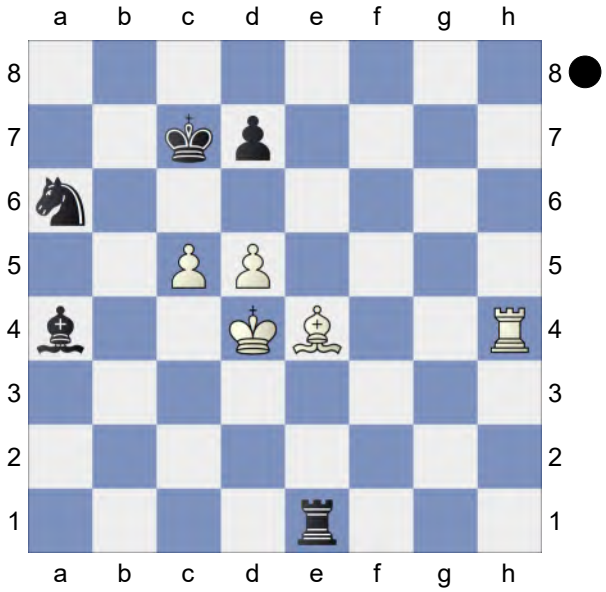
(Diagram)





14.f4! exf4
[14...Ng4 15.fxe5]
15.0-0 Nh5 16.g4 fxg3 3.78/20
[16...Nf6 2.66/9 was necessary. 17.Rxf4 b5 18.Bxf7+ *(18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxf7+ Kd8+-)* 18...Rxf7 19.Nxf7 Kxf7]
17.Nxf7
[17.Rxf7 gxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Rxf7+-]
17...gxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Nf6 19.e5
[19.Nxd6+ Nxd6 20.Bxd6 Rh8+ 21.Kg3 Bb7+-]
[19.Bxd6 Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7⩲]

19...dxe5 20.Bxf8
[Weaker is 20.Nxe5 Rh8+ 21.Kg1 Rh5±]
20...Kxf8 21.Nxe5 Ke8 22.Bf7+ Kd8 23.Bxg6
[23.Nxg6 Nd6±]
23...Nd6 24.Rae1 Bb7 25.Kg3 Kc7 26.Ng4 Rf8 27.Nxf6 gxf6 28.Kf4 Bd5 29.Rf2 Rg8 30.Bh5 Rg5 31.Bg4 Bc6 32.Rh2 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Re7
Hoping for Rhh7. 34...Rc5 35.Reh7 f5 36.Bd1 b4 37.Ke3 Nb5 38.R2h4 Na3 39.Kd2
[39.Rxb4 Rxc2 *(39...Nxc2+? 40.Bxc2 Rxc2 41.Rh5+-)* 40.Rf4 Rc1+-]
39...Nb1+ 40.Kc1 Nc3 41.Rxb4? -1.23/18
[41.Rc4+- 2.57/21 Re5 42.Bh5 *(42.Rxb4?* is the wrong capture. *Na2+ 43.Kd2 Nxb4-+)*]
41...Na2+∓ 42.Kd2 Nxb4 43.c4 -1.91/20
[43.Rh4∓ -1.36/13 was worth a try. Na2 44.Rf4]
43...Na6? -0.25/19
[43...Bg2-+ -1.91/20 ...Ra5 would now be deadly. 44.Kc3 Na2+ 45.Kb2 Ra5]
44.d4= Ra5 45.Kc3? -2.48/11
[45.d5∓ -0.48/10]
45...Ra1 -1.19/10
[45...Be4-+ -2.48/11 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Ra1 is the strong threat. 46.Kb2 Nb4]
46.Bc2∓ Rf1 -0.15/10
[Black should try 46...Be4∓ -1.23/11 Threatens to win with ...Rc1. 47.Bxe4 fxe4]
47.d5= Rf3+ 48.Kd4 Nb4 49.Bb1 Rxb3 50.Bxf5 Ba4 White should prevent ...Rf3. 51.Rh6 Rf3 52.Be4 Rf4 53.Ke5 Rf1 And now ...Rc1 would win. 54.Rh4? -3.25/13 White is on the road to losing.
[54.c5= -0.04/11 Rf8 55.c6]
54...Re1? -0.01/20
[54...Na6-+ -3.25/13 55.Rh6 Nc5 56.d6+ Kb6]
55.Kd4? -3.18/21
[55.c5!= -0.01/20 and White has nothing to worry. Bc6 56.dxc6]
55...Na6-+ 56.c5



Intending d6+ and mate. 56...Rd1+! Deflection 57.Ke5 Nxc5 58.Bf5 d6+ 59.Kf6 Bd7 60.Bg6 Rf1+ 61.Ke7 Re1+ 62.Kf6 Re5 63.Bf7 -6.60/17
[⌓63.Rd4 -4.67/13]
63...Rf5+ 64.Ke7 Re5+ 65.Kf6 Ne4+ 66.Kg7 Re7 67.Kf8 Re5 68.Rh2 Nc5 69.Rd2 Bb5 70.Rb2 Bc4 71.Rd2 Re3 72.Kg7 Rd3 73.Rb2 Bxd5 74.Bg6 Rg3 75.Kf6 Bc6 76.Bf7 Nd7+ 77.Ke7 Re3+ 78.Be6 Nc5 79.Kf6 Rxe6+ 80.Kf5 Be4+ Black mates. 81.Kg5 Rg6+ 82.Kh4 Rg8 83.Re2 d5 84.Re1 Kd6 85.Rd1 Ne6 86.Ra1 Ke5 87.Rf1 Nd4 88.Rf2 Nf3+ 89.Kh5 Rh8+ 90.Kg4 Rg8+ 91.Kh5 Nd4 92.Rf1 Nf5 93.Rf2 d4 94.Ra2 d3 95.Rb2 Nd4 96.Ra2 Nf3 97.Kh6 Kf4 98.Ra7 d2 99.Rf7+

Ke3 100.Rd7 Rg1 0-1 (100) Fedoseev, V (2687)-Jumabayev,R (2637) chess.com INT 2021 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.40. Loses game: White=3 --- Missed win: White=1 Black=2 Mistake: White=3 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=23 Black=14 Best: White=4 Black=2 Strong: White=1 Black=1

[28] **10.a4** Bb7 11.b4 f5 12.Nf3 0-0-0 13.Ba3 Nb8 14.Ng5 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nf7 Nf4 17.Nd6+ Kc7 18.Nb5+ Kc8 19.Nxa7+ Kc7 20.Nb5+ Kc8 21.Nd6+ Kc7 22.Nxb7 Kxb7 23.g3 d5 24.Bb5 Ne6 25.a5 g5 26.0-0 Rh6 27.Kg2 Rdh8 28.Rh1 g4 29.Bc1 g5 30.axb6 Kxb6 31.Ra5 f4 32.Ba4 f3+ 33.Kg1 Nc7 34.Be3+ Kb7 35.h4 gxh3 36.Kh2 g4 37.Bxh6 Rxh6 38.Re1 Re6 39.Bb3 Nc6 40.Rxd5 Nxd5 41.Bxd5 Rd6 42.Rxe5 Kb6 43.Bxc6 Kxc6 44.d4 Rd8 45.Rg5 Rg8 46.Rxg8 1-0 (47) Arka50 (2835)-ChainsOfFantasia (2640) Blitz 2024

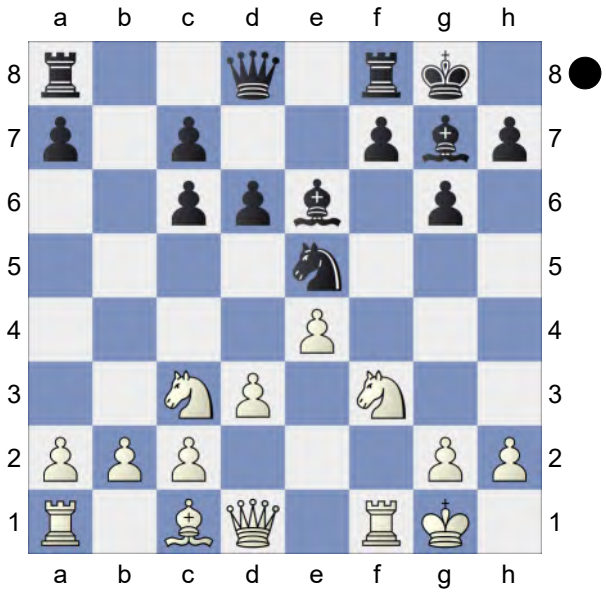
[29] **5.f4** Nge7 6.Nf3 g6 7.fxe5 Qg7 8.Qg5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Rf1 Rf8 11.Nb5 Bxe5 12.d4 a6 13.dxe5 axb5 14.Bxb5 Nc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bd2 d6 17.Bc3 dxe5 18.Bxe5 f6 19.Bxf6 Qf7 20.0-0-0 Bd7 21.a3 Qe6 22.Rd4 Rf7 23.e5 c5 24.Rd3 c4 25.Rd4 c5 26.Rd6 Qg4 27.Qxg4 Bxg4 28.Rc6 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Bxc8 30.Rf4 Be6 31.a4 Kd7 32.Rf3 Kc6 33.Ra3 Ra7 34.Kd2 Kd5 35.Kc3 Bd7 36.a5 Bb5 37.Ra1 Kc6 38.Rd1 Ra8 39.Rd6+ Kc7 40.Rd5 Kc6 41.Rd6+ Kc7 42.Be7 Rxa5 43.Rd5 Kc6 44.Rxc5+ Kb6 45.Rd5 Ra8 46.Bb4 Rc8 47.Rd6+ Rc6 48.Rd4 Re6 49.Bd6 Kc6 50.Kb4 Ba6 51.b3 Bb7 52.Rxc4+ Kd7 53.Rc7+ 1-0 (53) BulletCoach (2604)-barabucha (2478) Blitz 2024

[30] **10.Na4** f6 11.Nf3 Be6 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Be3 g5 15.0-0-0 a5 16.c3 Nc6 17.h3 0-0-0 18.Kc2 b6 19.a4 Kb7 20.Rhe1 Rd6 21.Re2 Rhd8 22.Red2 Ncd4+ 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.g3 dxc3 25.bxc3 Nc5 26.h4 gxh4 27.Nxh4 Nxa4 28.Nf5 R6d7 29.d4 exd4 30.cxd4 b5 31.d5 Nc5 32.f3 Kb6 33.Nd4 Na6 34.Rb1 Nb4+ 35.Kd1 c5 36.Ne6 Ra8 37.Rdb2 Rh8 38.Ke2 Rh2+ 39.Ke3 Rxb2 40.Rxb2 a4 41.f4 a3 42.Rb3 a2 0-1 (42) BulletCoach (2631)-Yarebore (2811) Blitz 2024

[31] **5.Nc3** Bc5
[5...Bg7 6.Nf3 d6 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Be3 Kh7 10.Qd2 Ng8 11.g4 Na5 12.Bb3 c5 13.0-0-0 Nxb3+ 14.cxb3 Be6 15.Rdg1 Qd7 16.Ng5+ hxg5 17.h4 Bxg4 18.hxg5+ Bh5 19.f4 exf4 20.Qe2 Nh6 21.Rxh5 gxh5 22.Qxh5 Qe6 23.Bxf4 Be5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Nd5 Rg8 26.Kb1 Rg6 27.Rh1 Rag8 28.gxh6 Rxh6 29.Qxh6+ Qxh6 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.Rxh6 Kxh6 32.Nxg8+ Kg5 33.Ne7 Kf4 34.Kc2 1-0 (35) AAlmeidaTX (2566)-HaroldChasen (2464) Blitz 2024]
6.d3 h6 7.Be3 d6 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.h3 0-0 10.Nge2 Nh5 11.Qd2 Qg5 12.Qxg5 hxg5 13.Nd5 Nb4 14.Nxc7 Nxc2+ 15.Kd2 Nxa1 16.Nxa8 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nc7 Rxf2 19.Rxa1 Nf4 20.Re1 Nxg2 21.Nxe6 Kf7 22.Nxg5+ Kf6 23.h4 Nxh4 24.Nh3 Rh2

25.Rf1+ Kg7 26.Ng5 Rg2 27.Ne6+ Kh6 28.Rf8 g5 29.Ke3 Ng6 30.Rf6 Kh5 31.Rxg6 Kxg6 32.Kf3 Rh2 33.Nxc5 g4+ 34.Ke3 Rh3+ 35.Kf2 b6 36.Nd7 Rf3+ 37.Kg2 Re3 38.Nxe5+ Kg5 39.Ng3 Kf4 40.Kf2 Rxg3 41.Ng6+ Kg5 42.Kxg3 Kxg6 43.d4 Kf6 44.Kxg4 1-0 (45) AAlmeidaTX (2589)-ilikedietcoke (2485) Blitz 2024

[32] **6...d6** 7.h3 [7.f4 -0.80/23 Be6 0.00/23 *(7...0-0∓* -0.80/23 *)* 8.Bb5 -0.85/22 *(8.Bxe6=* 0.00/23 *fxe6 9.fxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4)* 8...0-0∓ 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.fxe5 -1.16/20 *(*White should try *10.Nf3* -0.78/24 *)* 10...Ng4∓ *(* Much weaker is *10...dxe5?! 11.Nf3=)* 11.Nf3 Nxe5 *(*And not *11...dxe5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Be3±)* 12.0-0



f5 -0.37/21 *(12...Bg4!∓* -1.41/18 ...f5 is the strong threat. *13.Ne2 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bd7)* 13.h3 -1.37/22 *(13.Nxe5∓* -0.37/21 *Bxe5 14.Bf4)* 13...Rb8 -0.44/20 *(13...f4∓* -1.37/22 *14.Nd4 Bxh3 15.Rxf4 Bg4 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8)* 14.Nxe5∓ Bxe5 15.d4 -1.31/19 *(15.Bh6∓* -0.38/19 *)* 15...Bg7∓ 16.exf5 Bxf5 -0.96/19 *(16...Rxf5-+* -1.63/23 *17.Re1 Qf6)* 17.b3 -2.38/21 *(17.Ne2∓* -0.96/19 *)* 17...Qh4 18.Rf4 Qe7

A) 19.Qf1 -2.87/19 Bxh3 *(19...Bxc2? 20.Kh2-+)* 20.gxh3 Bxd4+ 21.Kh2;

B) 19.Rf2 -4.07/23 19...Rbe8 20.Bf4 g5 21.Bc1 Qe1+ 22.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 23.Kh2 Bxd4 24.Rf3 Be5+ 25.g3 Bxc2 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bb2 Rxa1 28.Bxa1 Kf7 29.Kg2 h5 30.Bb2 Ke6 31.Na4 Be4+ 32.Kf2 h4 33.gxh4 gxh4 34.Bxe5 Kxe5 35.b4 Bf5 36.Kg2 Kd4 37.a3 Bc2 38.Nb2 Kc3 0-1 (38) Adhiban,B (2655)-Cheparinov,I (2710) Riadh 2017 CBM 182 Extra [MH]]

[7.a4= -0.03/18] 7...Na5 8.Nge2 Nxc4 9.dxc4 0-0 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.Be3 b6 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Nd5 Bb7 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Nc3 a6 18.a4 Rad8 19.g3 Kg7 20.0-0 Qe6 21.Nd5 Rd7 22.f4 f5 23.Rae1 Rdf7 24.Kh2 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qd7 26.Rg1 Bxd5 27.cxd5 a5 28.Rg2 exf4 29.gxf4 Qf5 30.Qd4+ Kh7 31.Rg5 Qf6 32.Qxf6 Rxf6 33.Kg3 R8f7 34.c4 Rf5 35.Re6 Rxg5+ 36.hxg5 Kg7 37.Re8 Rf8 38.Re7+ Rf7 39.Re6 Rd7 40.f5 gxf5 41.Kf4 h4 42.b3 h3 43.Rh6 Re7 44.Rxh3 Re5 45.Re3 Kg6 46.Rh3 Re4+ 47.Kf3 Rd4 48.Rh6+ Kxg5 49.Rh7 Rd3+ 50.Ke2 Rxb3 51.Rxc7 Rb4 52.Rc6 Rxa4 53.Kd3 Kf4 54.Kd4 b5 55.Rxd6 Rxc4+ 56.Kd3 Ke5 57.Rb6 Rd4+ 58.Ke3 Rxd5 59.Kf3 Rc5 60.Ke2 Rd5 61.Ke3 Rc5 62.Ke2 Kf4 63.Rxb5 1-0 (63) Andrei_Voloshchuk (2581)-LUDVIG_CARLSSON (2525) Blitz 2024

6...h6 7.a3 d6 8.f4 Bg4 9.Nf3

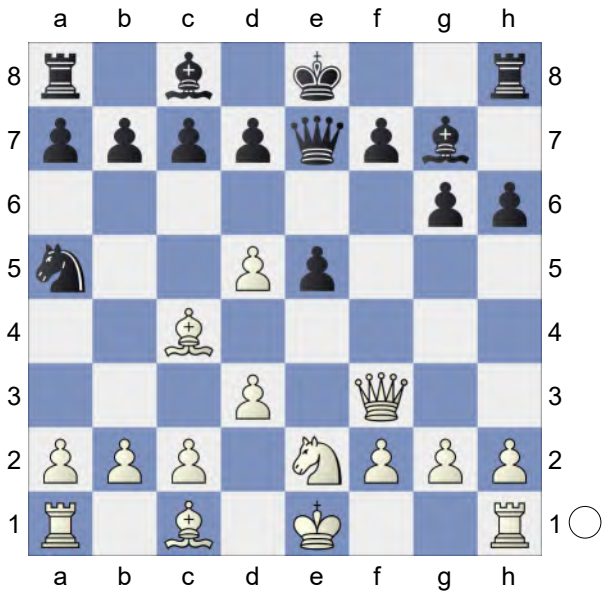
Nd4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nh5 12.fxe5 Qh4+ 13.Kd2 Qf4+ 14.Ke1 Nxf3+ 15.Kf1 Nh2+ 16.Ke1 Qg3+ 17.Ke2 Qg2+ 18.Ke3 Qxh3+ 19.Kd2 Qg2+ 20.Ne2 Bxe5 21.Qg1 Nf3+ 0-1 (21) el-kun78 (2561)-Keved (2525) Blitz 2024

33 **10.Qxh5** Qf6 11.Nd5 Qg6 12.Qxg6 hxg6 13.Nxc7 Rb8 14.Nb5 Rd8 15.Bg5 Rd7 16.a4 a6 17.Nc3 Nd4 18.0-0-0 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bd5 Ra7 21.Kd2 b4 22.Nce2 Ne6 23.Be3 Rc7 24.Nf3 Bb7 25.Bb3 Bc6 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Rh1 Kf8 28.Ng5 Nxg5 29.Bxg5 Bd7 30.Bd5 Rac8 31.c4 bxc3+ 32.bxc3 Rb8 33.c4 Rb2+ 34.Ke3 f6 35.Bh6 Ra7 36.Bxg7+ Kxg7 37.Nc3 f5 38.g3 Ra3 39.Rc1 Kf6 40.Nd1 Rbb3 41.exf5 Rxd3+ 42.Ke2 gxf5 43.Ne3 f4 44.gxf4 exf4 45.Nc2 Rdc3 46.f3 Bf5 47.Kd2 Rxc2+ 48.Rxc2 Bxc2 49.Kxc2 Ke5 50.Kd2 Re3 51.Bc6 Kd4 52.Bd5 Rd3+ 53.Ke2 Rc3 54.Kf2 Rc2+ 55.Kf1 Ke3 56.Kg1 Rf2 57.Kh1 Rxf3 0-1 (58) AAlmeidaTX (2589)-petrserg1984 (2581) Blitz 2024

34 **5.Ne2** Nf6 6.d3 Hoping for Bg5. 6...Bg7 7.Nbc3 h6 Prevents Bg5. 8.Nd5 The position is equal.

[8.h3 d6 9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Nb8 12.0-0-0 Nbd7 13.Nc3 a6 14.d4 0-0 15.Rhe1 b5 16.Bb3 Rab8 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.f4 Nc4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Qxc4 a5 22.a3 Rfe8 23.Ba7 Ra8 24.Bd4 Qf5 25.Rf1 h5 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Rxd3 Ne4 28.Nb5 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Re7 30.Re1 f5 31.Nc3 Rae8 32.Nxe4 fxe4 33.Re3 Kf7 34.Ra4 Ra8 35.Raxe4 Rxe4 36.Rxe4 a4 37.Kd2 Ra5 38.Kc3 Rxd5 39.Rxa4 Rc5+ 40.Rc4 1-0 (40) Ilamparthi,A (2457)-Ambartsumova,K (2404) Chess.com INT 2024]

8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Na5



10.d6! cxd6 11.Bd5 Nc6 0.47/20

[11...Rb8!= 0.07/22 was preferrable.]

12.Bd2!± White has compensation.

12...Qf6 13.Qe4 0-0 14.0-0 Ne7 0.82/22

[14...Rb8!± 0.39/21 feels stronger.]

15.Nc3± Qf5 16.Qb4 Nxd5 1.66/21

[16...Kh7± 1.06/21]

17.Nxd5+- Ne7+ is the strong threat.

17...Kh7 18.Nc7 Rb8 19.Qxd6 b6 20.f3? -0.12/19

[20.Ne8!+- 2.22/21 Threatens to win with Nxg7. Rxe8 21.Qxb8]

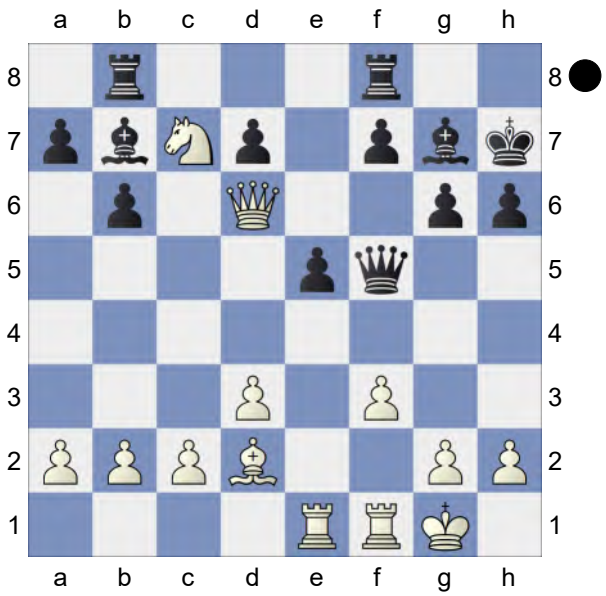
20...Bb7= 21.Rae1 -1.05/18

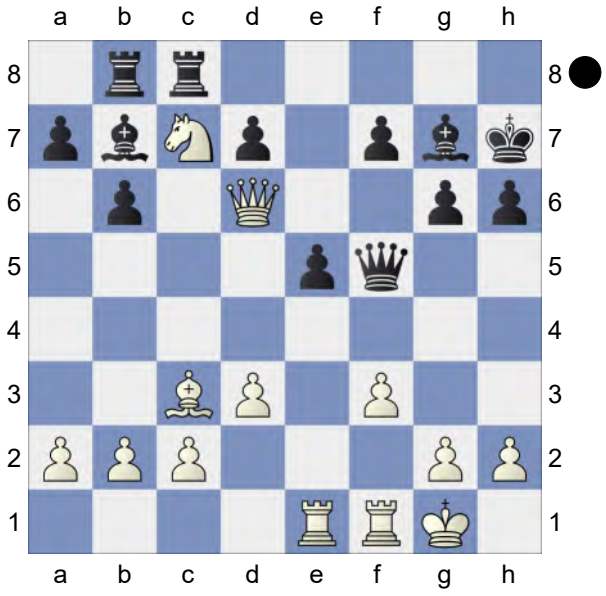
[21.g4= -0.13/21 Qf6 22.Qxf6 Bxf6 23.Bb4]

(Diagram)

21...Rfc8!∓ 22.Bc3? -3.09/18

[22.g4∓ -0.85/18 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Bxf6 24.Nb5]



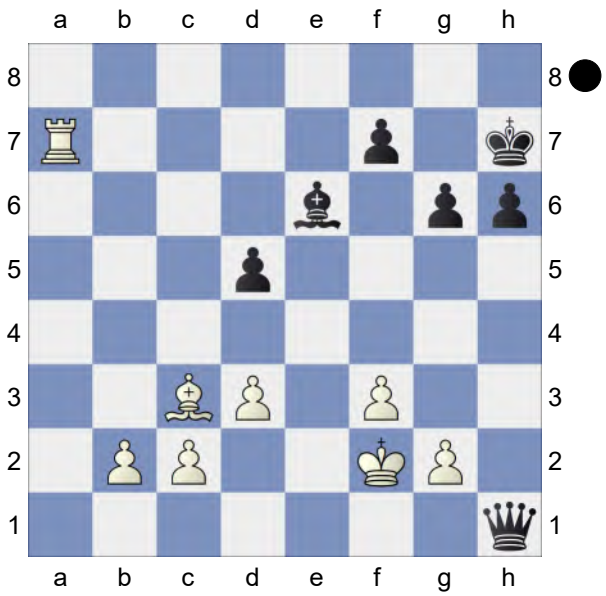


Loses the game. 22...Bf8!-+ 23.Nb5 -4.76/16

[23.Qxe5 -3.13/21 was worth a try. Qxe5 24.Bxe5]

23...Bxd6 Black is clearly winning. 24.Nxd6 Qe6 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Rxe5 Qd6 27.Rfe1 Bd5 28.a4 Be6 29.a5 bxa5 30.Kf1 Rc5 31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Ra1 d5 33.Rxa5 Qc7 34.Ra4 Qxh2 35.Rxa7 Qh1+ 36.Kf2

(Diagram)



d4! 0-1 (36) Carlsen,M (2835)-Vokhidov,S (2480) St Petersburg RUS 2018 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.18 (very precise). Loses game: White=1 --- Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=2 Black=3 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=7 Black=7 Best: White=1 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=2 Brilliant: White=1 ---

[35] **10.Nce2** Nxb3 11.cxb3 Bg7 12.f4 d5 13.Nf3 exf4 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Bxf4 0-0 16.e5 Nh5 17.d4 c5 18.Be3 Bg4 19.Rc1 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Bxe5 22.Qd2 Rfc8 23.Rcf1 f5 24.g4 Ng7 25.Qxd5+ Kh8 26.gxf5 Nxf5 27.Bf4 Bxf4 28.Nxf4 Rd8 29.Qc4 Rac8 30.Qa6 Nd4 31.Rh3 Rc6 32.Nxg6+ Rxg6+ 33.Qxg6 Rg8 34.Qxg8+ Kxg8 35.Rg3+ Kh8 36.Kg2 Qe4+ 37.Kh3 Nf5 38.Rgf3 Qh4+ 39.Kg2 Qg4+ 40.Kh1 Qe4 41.Kg1 Nd4 42.Rf8+ Kg7 43.R1f7+ Kg6 44.Rf6+ Kg5 45.R6f7 Qg4+ 46.Kf2 Qe2+

47.Kg3 Qe3+ 48.Kg2 Qe4+ 49.Kg3 Ne6 50.Rg8+ Kh5 51.h4 Qe3+ 52.Kh2 Qd2+ 53.Kg3 Qd3+ 54.Kh2 Qc2+ 55.Rg2 Qe4 56.Rg8 Qxh4+ 57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.Kh2 Nf4 59.Rxh7+ Qxh7 0-1 (59) BulletCoach (2556)-lew_777 (2546) Blitz 2024

[36] **5.d3** d6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Qxf6 Nxf6 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.Nge2 0-0-0 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.Bxd5 Rd7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.c3 Rf8 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Bb3 d5 16.Rad1 c6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.d4 exd4 19.Nxd4 Rfd8 20.g3 Nb6 21.Nf3 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 Nc4 24.Bb3 Nxb2 25.Bxf7 Kd7 26.h4 Ke7 27.Bg8 h6 28.c4 a5 29.Kf1 Na4 30.Bh7 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Bc2 Nc3 33.a4 Kd6 34.Nd2 Kc5 35.Ne4+ Nxe4 36.Bxe4 Kxc4 37.Bf5 Kb4 38.Bc8 b5 39.axb5 cxb5 40.Ke2 a4 41.Kd3 Ka5 42.f4 b4 43.Kc4 b3 44.Bf5 gxf4 45.gxf4 Kb6 46.Bg6 Kc6 47.Kb4 Kd6 48.Kxa4 b2 49.Bb1 Bg7 50.Kb3 Bf6 51.Kc2 Ke7 52.Ba2 Kf8 53.Kb1 Kg7 54.Bb3 Kf8 55.Be6 Ke8 56.Bf5 Kd8 57.Be4 Kc7 58.f5 Kd6 59.Bd3 Kc5 60.Bc2 Kb4 61.Bd1 Ka3 62.Bc2 Kb4 63.Bd1 Be5 64.Bc2 Bf6 ½-½ (64) hhcuuid (2633)-evg85 (2732) Blitz 2024

5.c3 Bc5

[5...d6 6.d3 Be6 *(6...Qxf3 7.Nxf3 Be7 8.h4 h5 9.Bg5 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Bg4 11.Nbd2 Nge7 12.a4 Rf8 13.Nh2 Bd7 14.Nhf1 f6 15.gxf6 Rxf6 16.Ne3 0-0-0 17.f3 a5 18.Ke2 Be6 19.Bxe6+ Rxe6 20.Nd5 Nb8 21.Rag1 Nxd5 22.exd5 Re7 23.g4 Rh7 24.gxh5 gxh5 25.Rh4 Nd7 26.Ne4 Rf8 27.Rg5 Nf6 28.Rf5 Rhf7 29.Nxf6 Rxf6 30.Rxf6 Rxf6 31.Rxh5 b6 32.Ke3 Kb7 33.Rh4 Rg6 34.Rg4 Rh6 35.Rg2 Rh1 36.d4 exd4+ 37.Kxd4 Ra1 38.b3 Rb1 39.f4 Rxb3 40.f5 Rb1 41.Rf2 Rh1 42.f6 Rh8 43.Ke4 Rf8 44.Kf5 Kc8 45.Ke6 Kd8 46.f7* 1-0 (47) AAlmeidaTX (2579)-shellingford92 (2516) Blitz 2024*)* 7.Bb3 *(7.Bb5 Bg7 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Nd2 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bc2 d5 12.Qg3 h6 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.Bc5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 b4 17.Ba4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rb8 19.Nf3 Nf4 20.Rhe1 g5 21.d4 Qd5 22.Rd2 Nd3+ 23.Rxd3 Qxa2 24.Bxc6+ Kd8 25.dxe5+ Kc8 26.Bb4 a5 27.Rd2 Qa1+ 28.Kc2 Qa2+ 29.Kd1* 1-0 (29) Ilamparthi,A (2457)-Munoz,F (2389) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 7...Qxf3 8.Nxf3 Bh6 9.Bxh6 Nxh6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.0-0 Rad8 12.Nc4 a6 13.Ne3 Rfe8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Ng4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.c4 c5 18.Rfb1 a5 19.h3 Nf6 20.Nd2 Rb8 21.Nf1 Rb7 22.b3 Reb8 23.Nd2 Nh5 24.g3 Ng7 25.Kf1 Ne6 26.Ke1 Nd4 27.Kd1 f5 28.f4 exf4 29.gxf4 fxe4 30.dxe4 Rf8 31.f5 gxf5 32.exf5 Rxf5 33.Ne4 Rb8 34.Kd2 Kh8 35.Rg1 Nf3+ 0-1 (35) Johantex (2515)-Chess_diviner (2662) Blitz 2024]

[5...Bg7 6.d3 d6 7.Nd2 Nge7 8.Nf1 Qxf3 9.Nxf3 0-0 10.Ne3 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.c4 h6 15.0-0 f5 16.Re1 c6 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Rb1 a5 19.a3 a4 20.b4 axb3 21.Rxb3 Rf7 22.Bd2 Rd8 23.Reb1 Rdd7 24.Be3 d5 25.cxd5 Rxd5 26.h3 Rdd7 27.Nd2 e4 28.dxe4 f4 29.Nc4 fxe3 30.Nxe3 Bd4 31.Ng4 Kh7 32.Kf1 h5 33.Ne3 Bxe3 34.Rxe3 Nd4 35.f3 g5 36.Kg1 Ne6 37.Reb3 Kg6 38.Rb6 Rfe7 39.R1b5 Kg7 40.Re5 g4 41.Rbxe6 Rxe6 42.Rxe6 gxf3 43.gxf3 Rd3

44.Re7+ Kf6 45.Rxb7 Rxf3 46.Kg2 Rxa3 47.Rb5 Kg6 48.h4 Rc3 49.Rg5+ Kh6 50.e5 Re3 51.Rf5 Re4 52.Kg3 Rg4+ 53.Kh3 Re4 54.Rg5 Re3+ 55.Kh2 Re1 56.Rf5 Kg6 57.Rg5+ Kf7 58.Rf5+ Ke6 59.Rxh5 Kd5 60.e6+ Kxe6 61.Rg5 Kf6 62.Kg3 Re4 63.Rg4 Re1 64.Kf4 Rf1+ 65.Kg3 Ke5 66.Rf4 Rxf4 0-1 (66) Johantex (2508)-Ivanchucky1609 (2557) Blitz 2024]

6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a5 8.b5 Nce7 9.Qe2 d6 10.d3 Be6 11.Na3 h6 12.Nf3 Qg7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nc4 Nf6 15.Nxb6 cxb6 16.Be3 Nc8 17.Qa2 Qe7 18.h3 Nd7 19.0-0 Nc5 20.d4 exd4 21.Nxd4 g5 22.f4 gxf4 23.Rxf4 Qd7 24.Rf6 Ne7 25.Nxe6 Nxe4 26.Ng7+ Kd8 27.Bxb6+ Kc8 28.Rf7 d5 29.Nf5 Re8 30.Nxe7+ Rxe7 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Qxd5 Qd6 33.Qc4+ Kd7 34.Qxe4 Qxb6+ 35.Kh1 Rf8 36.Rd1+ Kc8 37.c4 Qf2 38.Qe5 Qf7 39.b6 Re8 40.Qxa5 Qf4 41.Qb5 Rg8 42.Qd7+ Kb8 43.Qd8+ Rxd8 44.Rxd8# Normal 1-0 (45) AAlmeidaTX (2550)-ChainsOfFantasia (2729) Blitz 2024

37 **5...Qxf3** 6.Nxf3 Nb4

[6...h6 7.Nb5 Kd8 8.Bxf7 g5 9.d3 d6 10.a3 Nf6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.Nd2 Kd7 13.f3 Bh5 14.Bxh5 Nxh5 15.g3 Be7 16.Nc3 Raf8 17.Ke2 Rf7 18.Raf1 Nd4+ 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Nd5 Bd8 21.f4 c6 22.Nb4 gxf4 23.gxf4 Nxf4+ 24.Kd1 a5 25.Na2 Rhf8 26.Rf3 Ng6 27.Rhf1 Rxf3 28.Rxf3 Rxf3 29.Nxf3 Bf6 30.Nc1 Be5 31.Nb3 c5 32.Nxa5 b5 33.Nb3 Bf4 34.Nbd2 Kc6 35.c3 dxc3 36.bxc3 d5 37.exd5+ Kxd5 38.c4+ Kc6 39.Kc2 h5 40.Kb3 Bc7 41.cxb5+ Kxb5 42.a4+ Kc6 43.Kc4 Nf4 44.Nb3 Nd5 45.Nxc5 Nb6+ 46.Kd4 Bd6 47.Ne4 Bb4 48.Nf6 Nxa4 49.Nxh5 Kd6 50.Ng3 Ke6 51.h4 Bc3+ 52.Ke3 Bh8 53.Ne4 Nb6 54.Kf4 Nd5+ 55.Kg5 Ne3 56.h5 Nf5 57.h6 Ne3 58.Kg6 Nd5 59.Nfg5+ Ke7 60.Nf7 Bd4 61.Kh7 Nf4 62.Nfg5 Nxd3 63.Kg6 Nf4+ 64.Kf5 1-0 (64) BulletCoach (2573)-Lopuh99 (2602) Blitz 2024]

7.Bb3 Bg7 8.a3 Na6 9.d3 Nc5 10.Ba2 c6 11.h4 h6 12.Be3 Ne6 13.0-0-0 d6 14.d4 Ne7 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Rd6 Nf4 17.g3 Nh5 18.Rhd1 Bg4 19.Nh2 Bxd1 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Bxf7 Nf6 23.Bxa7 Rf8 24.Bc4 b5 25.Bd3 Kd7 26.Bc5 Ke6 27.Bf1 g5 28.Bh3+ Kf7 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Nf3 g4 31.Nxe5+ Ke8 32.Nxg4 Rh8 33.Nxf6+ Bxf6 34.Bg4 Bg5+ 35.f4 Rh1+ 36.Kd2 Rh2+ 37.Ne2 Bh6 38.Bg1 Rh1 39.Bf3 Rh3 40.Bg2 Rh5 41.Be3 Rh2 42.Bf3 Ng6 43.Kd3 Rh3 44.e5 Ne7 45.b3 Rh2 46.Be4 Nd5 47.Bxd5 cxd5 48.Nc3 d4 49.Bxd4 Rg2 50.Ne4 Bg7 51.a4 Kd7 52.axb5 Kc7 53.c4 Kb7 54.c5 1-0 (54) BulletCoach (2609)-Zayats71 (2703) Blitz 2024

38 **6...Bc5** 7.Nge2 Nb3 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.c3 Bc5 12.Qf3 f6 13.b4 Bf8 14.Bg5 Bg7 15.Bh4 c6 16.Ne3 Qe7 17.0-0 d6 18.Rfd1 Be6 19.Bf1 0-0-0 20.a4 h5 21.b5 g5 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Ba6+ Kd7 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.Qxf5+ Ke8 26.Rab1 Nh6 27.Qf3 Qf7 28.Rb7 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Kxd7 30.Qd3 Qe7 31.Bb7 Rb8 32.Qa6 Kd8 33.Bxc6 Rb6 34.Qc4 gxh4 35.a5 Rb8 36.a6 Bf8 37.Bb7 Nf7 38.h3 Ng5 39.Qe2 Qf7 40.c4 Ne6 41.Qe3 Nd4 42.c5 dxc5 43.Qd3 Bd6 44.Rc1 Ke7 45.Kf1 Kf8 46.Bd5 Qe7

47.Qe3 Kg7 48.Rc3 f5 49.Kg1 f4 50.Qe1 Rb2 51.Qc1 Re2 52.Rxc5 Re1+ 0-1 (52) BulletCoach (2616)-Chaos_Magic (2488) Blitz 2024

6...Ne7 7.d3 Bg7 8.Nge2 h6 9.0-0 d6 10.f4 0-0 11.fxe5 Qxe5 12.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 13.Kh1 c6 14.Qf3 Be6 15.Be3 Qe5 16.d4 Qa5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qh3 Kh7 19.Qxe6 Rae8 20.Rxf8 Rxf8 21.Qxe7 Qb4 22.Bxh6 Kxh6 23.Qh4# 1-0 (23) BulletCoach (2553)-emandr (2402) Blitz 2024

[39] **7...Nxe2** 8.Qxe2 Bg7 9.0-0 Ne7 10.f4 exf4 11.d3 g5 12.e5 Qxe5 13.Qh5 0-0 14.Bd2 d5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.Rae1 Qf5 17.h3 Bd7 18.Ne2 Rfe8 19.Ng3 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Qf6 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd1 Qd6 24.Nh5 Bh8 25.c4 d4 26.c5 Qxc5 27.Qf3 Be6 28.Re1 Re7 29.Rc1 Qf5 30.Bb4 Re8 31.Re1 Rc8 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Ng3 Qf7 34.Ne4 Ne5 35.Qe2 h6 36.Nd6 Qd7 37.Nxc8 Qxc8 38.Bd6 Nf7 39.Bxe6 Qe8 40.Bc5 Bf6 41.Bxa7 Kg7 42.Qe4 Nd8 43.Bf5 Qxe4 44.Bxe4 Ne6 45.a4 Be7 46.a5 Bc5 47.Bb8 Kf6 48.Kg1 Bb4 49.a6 bxa6 50.Bxc6 Nc5 51.Ba7 Nxd3 52.Bxd4+ Ke6 53.Be4 Bc5 54.Bxd3 Bxd4+ 55.Kf1 a5 56.b3 Ke5 57.Bb5 Be3 58.Ba4 Kd4 59.Ke2 h5 60.Kf3 Ke5 61.g3 h4 62.gxh4 g4+ 63.Kxg4 f3 64.Bc6 f2 65.Bg2 Kd4 66.Bf1 Kc3 67.h5 Kxb3 68.Kf3 Bd4 69.Ke2 Bh8 70.h6 a4 71.h7 a3 0-1 (71) BulletCoach (2647)-MartinPupsik (2458) Blitz 2024

[40] **9...a5** 10.a4 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.d4 exd4 13.e5 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qf5 15.Re1 Ne7 16.Nxd4 Qxf4 17.Ne4 Ba7 18.g3 Qe5 19.Nf3 Qxb2 20.Nd6+ Kf8 21.Re2 Qf6 22.Ne5 Nf5 23.Nxc8 Kg7 24.Nxa7 Rxa7 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Qxa1+ 27.Kg2 Qf6 28.h4 Rd8 29.Qc7 Qd6 30.Qxa5 Qd5+ 31.Qxd5 cxd5 32.h5 gxh5 33.Rd2 d4 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.Ke4 Re8+ 36.Kd3 Kg5 37.Rc2 Kg4 38.Rc8 Rxc8 0-1 (38) BulletCoach (2592)-terryfictutor (2507) Blitz 2024

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Ne2 Bb6 12.d4 exd4 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Bd7 15.Kh1 Ne7 16.f4 0-0 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Nxd4 Rad8 20.Bh6 Nf5 21.Bxf8 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Qxd4 Nxd4 25.Bxe6 Nxe6 26.c3 f5 27.h3 Kf7 28.Kg1 c5 29.Rf2 a5 30.Re2 a4 31.Rc2 h5 32.Kf2 h4 33.g3 hxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Rd3+ 35.Kh2 Kf6 36.Rf2 g5 37.Rg2 Nf4 38.Rg3 Rxg3 39.Kxg3 Nd3 40.c4 Ke5 0-1 (40) hhcuuid (2651)-athena-pallada (2970) Blitz 2024

[41] **5.d3** Nd4 6.Qd1 d5 7.exd5 b5 8.Bb3 Nxb3 9.axb3 Qxd5 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.c4 Qe6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Rxe6 Bxe6 17.Nc3 bxc4 18.bxc4 Rfe8 19.Ra6 Rad8 20.g3 Be5 21.Qe2 Bf7 22.Qf3 Rd7 23.Nb5 Bxb2 24.Rxf6 Bxf6 25.Qc6 Be6 26.Nxc7 Rxc7 27.Qxe8+ Kg7 28.Qxe6 Re7 29.Qd6 Re1+ 30.Kg2 Ra1 31.c5 a5 32.c6 a4 33.c7 Rc1 34.Qd7+ Kh6 35.c8Q Rxc8 36.Qxc8 a3 37.Qf8+ Kg5 38.Qxa3 1-0 (38) doclex (2427)-Surreptitiously421 (2617) Blitz 2024

[42] **6.Nbc3** d6 7.exf5 Bxf5 8.d3 Bg7 9.h3

[9.Bg5 Rf8 10.0-0-0 Qd7 11.Bb5 a6 12.Ba4 0-0-0 13.d4 Bg4 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Qxc6 bxc6 16.dxe5 dxe5

17.f3 Bf5 18.Ng3 Rde8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nge4 Be7 21.Rhe1 h5 22.Na4 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Nac5 Rd5 25.b4 a5 26.c3 axb4 27.cxb4 Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Rxc5+ 30.Kd2 Kb7 31.Rb4+ Rb5 32.Kc3 Ka6 33.a4 Rd5 34.h4 c5 35.Rb8 Rd4 36.Rg8 Rxa4 37.Rxg6+ Kb5 38.Rg5 Rc4+ 39.Kd3 Rxh4 40.Rxe5 Kb4 0-1 (40) Abarca Gonzalez,N (2376)-Grischuk,A (2758) chess.com INT 2022]

9...Qd7 10.Bg5 Rf8 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd8 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Nb6 15.Bh4 Nxc4 16.dxc4 Bxc2+ 17.Kxc2 Rxf3 18.gxf3 Qf5+ 19.Kb3 Qxf3+ 20.Nc3 Nd4+ 21.Ka3 Qc6 22.b3 Qf3 23.Kb2 Bg7 24.Rhe1 Nf5 25.Bg3 e4 26.Rc1 e3 0-1 (26) BulletCoach (2610)-GelioChess (2776) Blitz 2024

[43] **10.Nec3** b5 11.b4 Nc4 12.a4 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 0-0 15.d6 e4 16.Bxe4 Rb8 17.Ra2 Ba6 18.0-0 bxa4 19.Rxa4 Bb5 20.Rxa7 Ne5 21.Qb3+ Kh8 22.Re1 Ng4 23.Bf3 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Bd2 Nxf2 26.Nc3 Bd4 27.Qd5 Nh3+ 28.Kh1 Nf2+ 29.Kg1 Nh3+ 30.Kh1 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 ½-½ (31) Hoon_Bot (2852)-motorrijder (2949) Rapid 2024

[44] **5.c3** Bg7

[5...Na5 6.Be2 d5 7.d3 Be6 *(7...h6 8.Qe3 Nc6 9.Bd1 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Be6 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Ba4 Qd6 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.Qd1 Nf4 16.Nb1 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qe7 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Nbd2 Rfd8 20.Re1 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Qe2 Bg4 23.Nf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 c6 25.Rad1 Rdb8 26.a3 Qe6 27.Qc2 Qh3 28.Rd3 Re8 29.Qe2 Re7 30.Red1 Kg7 31.Qf1 Qe6 32.R1d2 b5 33.Bd1 h5 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Rxd8 Bd6 36.Kg2 Rb7 37.Qe2 Qe7 38.Rc8 Qd7 39.Ra8 Be5 40.a4 b4 41.Rxa5 bxc3 42.bxc3 Qd6 43.Qc2 Qf6 44.Ra6 Rd7 45.Be2 Qg5+ 46.Kf1 Qh4 47.Kg1 g5 48.Ra5 Bc7 49.Rf5 Bb6 50.Bf1 g4 51.Rxf4 Bc7 52.Qc1 Bxf4 53.Qxf4 Qf6 54.Qxf6+ Kxf6 55.fxg4 hxg4 56.f3 gxf3 57.Kf2 Rd1 58.Ba6 Ke5 59.Kxf3 Rc1 60.c4 Ra1 61.Bb7 Ra3+ 62.Kf2 Kd6 63.Bc8 Rxa4 64.Kg3 Rxc4 65.Kf4 Rc1 66.h3 Rf1+ 67.Ke3 Ke5 68.Bd7 c5 69.h4 Re1+ 70.Kf2 Rxe4 71.h5 Rh4 72.Be8 Rxh5 73.Ke1 Rf5 0-1 (73) Hoon_Bot (2826)-The_Magnificent_Bob (2950) Blitz 2024)* 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.Nd2 h6 10.exd5 Bxd5 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qg3 Bg7 13.Ngf3 Qd6 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.Rfe1 f5 16.Nh4 Bf6 17.Nxg6 Rhg8 18.Bh5 Kb8 19.Qh3 Bg5 20.Nf3 Rxg6 21.Bxg6 Qxg6 22.Nxe5 Qf6 23.g3 a6 24.Re2 Nc6 25.Nxc6+ Qxc6 26.Qxf5 Bh1 27.f4 Be7 28.d4 Bd6 29.Rae1 Bd5 30.b3 b5 31.Re3 Ka7 32.Rc1 Rf8 33.Qh5 Rg8 34.Rf1 Rf8 35.h4 a5 36.Qe2 a4 37.Qc2 Rg8 38.Kh2 Rf8 39.Ree1 Kb7 40.Re3 Qa6 41.Qb2 Ka7 42.Qf2 Qc6 43.Qc2 Rg8 44.Rf2 Rf8 45.Rf1 Rg8 46.Rf2 Rb8 47.Rf1 Rf8 48.Rf2 Rg8 49.Rf1 Kb8 50.Qb1 Ka8 51.Qc2 Kb7 52.Qb1 Ka6 53.Qc2 Kb7 54.Qb1 Ka6 55.Qc2 Rf8 56.Qb2 Rf7 57.Qb1 Rg7 58.Rf2 Rg8 59.Rf1 Qd7 60.Qc2 Qc6 61.Rf2 Rg7 62.Qb1 Rg8 63.Qc2 Kb7 64.Qb1 Ka8 65.Qc2 h5 66.Rf1 Ka7 67.Rf2 Ra8 68.Rf1 Rg8 69.Rf2 Rb8 70.Rf1 Ka8 71.Rf2 Ka7 72.Rf1

Ra8 73.Rf2 Kb7 74.Qb1 Ka7 75.Qc2 Rf8 76.Qd1 Bf7 77.Qc2 Bd5 78.Qd1 Rh8 79.Qc2 Rg8 80.Rf1 Rf8 81.Rf2 Rg8 82.Rf1 Rf8 83.Rf2 Rc8 84.Rf1 Kb7 85.Rc1 Rg8 86.Rf1 Rf8 87.Rf2 Rb8 88.Rf1 Rg8 89.Qb1 Ka8 90.Qc2 Rf8 91.Rf2 Rb8 92.Qb1 Ka7 93.Qd1 Bf7 94.Qc2 Kb6 95.Rf1 Bd5 96.Qb2 a3 97.Qd2 Ka7 98.Rc1 Bf7 99.Qf2 Bg6 100.c4 bxc4 101.Rxc4 Qd5 102.Re5 Bxe5 103.dxe5+ Kb7 104.f5 Rf8 105.Rd4 Rxf5 106.Qxf5 Qxd4 107.Qxg6 Qxe5 108.Qd3 Qb2+ 109.Kh3 Qxa2 110.Qb5+ Ka7 111.Qc5+ Kb8 112.Qb5+ Ka8 113.Qa4+ Kb7 114.Qb5+ Ka7 115.Qa4+ Kb6 116.Qb4+ Kc6 117.Qe4+ Kb6 118.Qb4+ Kc6 119.Qc3+ Kd7 120.Qd3+ Ke7 121.Qe4+ Kd7 122.Qf5+ Kc6 123.Qe4+ Kd7 124.Qf5+ Kd6 125.Qf6+ Kc5 126.Qc3+ Kd6 127.Qd4+ Ke7 128.Qe5+ Kd8 129.Qd5+ Ke7 130.Qg5+ Kd6 131.Qf4+ Kd5 132.Qc4+ Kd6 133.Qd4+ Ke7 134.Qc5+ Ke8 135.Qxh5+ Kd8 136.Qg5+ Ke8 137.Qe5+ Kd8 138.Qd5+ Kc8 139.Qe6+ Kb7 140.Qd5+ Kb6 141.Qd4+ Kb5 142.Qa4+ Kb6 143.Qb4+ Kc6 144.Qc4+ Kd7 145.Qb5+ Kc8 146.Qe8+ Kb7 147.Qe4+ Kb8 148.Qb4+ Kc8 149.Qg4+ Kb8 150.Qg8+ Ka7 151.Qc4 Qa1 152.Qxc7+ Ka8 153.Qc8+ Ka7 154.Qd7+ Kb6 155.Qd6+ Kb7 156.Qd7+ Ka6 157.Qc6+ Ka7 158.Qc7+ Ka8 159.Qc6+ Kb8 160.Qb6+ Kc8 161.Qc5+ Kd7 162.Qd5+ Ke7 163.Qe4+ Kd7 164.Qb7+ Kd6 165.Qb8+ Kd7 166.Qb7+ Kd6 167.Qb8+ Ke7 168.Qc7+ Kf6 169.Qc6+ Ke5 170.Qe8+ Kf5 171.g4+ Kf4 172.Qf8+ Ke3 173.Qc5+ Kd3 174.Qf5+ Ke2 175.Qe4+ Kd2 176.Qf4+ Kc2 177.Qe4+ Kb2 178.Qe2+ Kb1 179.Qe4+ Kb2 180.Qe2+ Kb1 181.Qd3+ Ka2 182.g5 Qh1+ 183.Kg3 Qg1+ 184.Kf3 Ka1 185.Qc3+ Kb1 186.Qd3+ Ka1 187.g6 a2 188.Qc3+ Kb1 189.Qd3+ Ka1 190.Qc2 Qf1+ 191.Kg4 Qe1 192.b4 Qe6+ 193.Kf3 Qd5+ 194.Kf4 Qd6+ 195.Kg5 Qf4+ 196.Kxf4 ½-½ (196) Hoon_Bot (2900)-Nikitosik-ai (2995) Rapid 2024]

[5...d6 6.d3 Bg7 7.h3 *(7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nd2 Qxf3 10.Ngxf3 0-0 11.h4 Bd7 12.h5 g5 13.Nh2 Kh8 14.g4 a5 15.a4 Bf6 16.f3 Nd8 17.Nhf1 Ne6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Ne3 Be7 20.Ke2 c6 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Ra6 23.Ndc4 d5 24.Ne5 Be8 25.exd5 cxd5 26.Rhc1 Rb6 27.Rab1 Bd6 28.b3 Kg7 29.Kf2 Kf6 30.Rc8 Bxe5 31.dxe5+ Kxe5 32.Re1 Kd6 33.Rd1 Rxb3 34.Ra8 b6 35.Rd2 Ke7 36.Re2 Kd6 37.Rc2 d4 38.Nc4+ Kd5 39.Rd8+ Kc5 40.Ne5+ Kb4 41.Rxd4+ Ka3 42.Rc8 Rb4 43.Rdd8 Rxa4 44.Rxe8 Rxe8 45.Rxe8 b5 46.Rxe6 b4 47.Nc4+ Ka2 48.Re2+ Kb3 49.Nd2+ Kc3 50.Ne4+ Kd4 51.f4 b3 52.fxg5 Ra2 53.gxh6 Rxe2+ 54.Kxe2 Kxe4 55.h7 b2 56.h8Q* 1-0 (56) kasparik_garik (2586)-jlf287 (2416) Blitz 2024*)* 7...h6 8.Ne2 Qe7 *(8...0-0 9.g4 Be6 10.Ng3 Bxc4 11.dxc4 Nd7 12.h4 a5 13.h5 g5 14.Nf5 Ne7 15.Nd2 Nc5 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Nf1 Ne6 18.Ne3 Nf4 19.Nf5 Qe6 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Qd3 Rfe8 22.f3 a4 23.a3 Kh7*

24.0-0 Be5 25.Qd5 c6 26.Qd3 Ra5 27.Rfd1 Rc5 28.Rd2 Rd8 29.Rad1 Rxc4 30.Qc2 b5 31.Rd3 Rc5 32.Nxd6 Bxd6 33.Rxd6 Rxd6 34.e5+ Rd3 35.Qxd3+ Kg7 36.Re1 Rxe5 37.Qd4 f6 38.Rxe5 fxe5 39.Qe4 Kf7 40.Qh7+ Ke8 41.Qh8+ Kd7 42.Qg7+ Kd6 43.Qg6 Qxg6 44.hxg6 Ke6 45.Kf2 Kf6 46.Ke2 Kxg6 47.Kd3 h5 48.gxh5+ Kxh5 49.Ke4 g4 50.fxg4+ Kxg4 51.Kxe5 f3 52.Kd6 f2 53.Kxc6 f1Q 0-1 (53) Johantex (2486)-KhatanbaatarGM (2641) Blitz 2024*)* 9.Na3 a6 10.b4 Be6 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Ng3 d5 13.Bb3 d4 14.Bb2 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Nxb4 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Rad1 Nc6 18.Nc4 Nd7 19.Qg4 g5 20.Nh5 0-0 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.f4 Nf6 23.Nxe5 Qc5+ 24.d4 Qxc3 25.Qxe6 Rde8 26.Qf5 Ne7 27.Qe6 Ng6 28.Qf5 Nh4 0-1 (28) MrMatesM (2672)-ie1 (2666) Blitz 2024]

6.d3

[6.h3 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.Ne2 *(8.Nd2 Be6 9.Ne2 Bxc4 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Nd2 a5 12.0-0 a4 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Ng3 Ne7 15.Ndf1 c6 16.Bd2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qxc6 Nxc6* 0-1 (18) bodoque50 (2566)-nikolarasss (2426) Blitz 2024*)* 8...Na5 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 Be6 11.c4 Nd7 12.g4 Nb8 13.Ng3 Nc6 14.Be3 Qh4 15.Qd1 Bh6 16.Qd2 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nd4 18.Na3 Nxb3 19.Rd1 Nd4 20.Kf1 a6 21.Kg2 Kh8 22.f4 c5 23.f5 Bd7 24.Rdf1 gxf5 25.Nxf5 Nxf5 26.gxf5 Rg8+ 27.Kh2 Rg5 28.Rhg1 Rag8 29.Rxg5 Qxg5 30.Rg1 Qxe3 0-1 (30) Johantex (2450)-Yuri_Guenther (2618) Blitz 2024]

6...Na5

[6...0-0 7.h4 *(7.Bg5 d6 8.h4 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.h5 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Kh7 12.hxg6+ Kxg6 13.Nh4+ Kh7 14.Nd2 Ne7 15.Nf1 f5 16.Ne3 f4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 c6 19.Bb3 Bf6 20.Kd2 Bd7 21.Rh2 Rh8 22.Rah1 Kg7 23.g3 fxg3 24.fxg3 Bg5+ 25.Ke1 Raf8 26.Bd1 Be6 27.Bh5 Rf6 28.Be2 Rhf8 29.g4 Rf4 30.Nf5+ Bxf5 31.gxf5 d5 32.Rf2 Bh4 33.Rxh4 Rxh4 34.Rg2+ Kf7 35.Rg6 Rg8 36.Re6 dxe4 37.dxe4 Rxe4 38.Rxh6 Rg2* 0-1 (38) kasparik_garik (2546)-JimHacker (2561) Blitz 2024*)* 7...d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.c4 c6 11.Nc3 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 b5 14.h5 Bb7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qh3 h5 17.Qe6+ Kh7 18.Nf3 Bxd5 19.Ng5+ Qxg5 20.Qxd5 Qf5 21.Be3 Rad8 22.Qe4 Rxd3 23.Qxf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rf3 25.gxh5 e4 26.hxg6+ Kxg6 27.Rg1+ Kf7 28.Rc1 Bxb2 29.Rc7+ Kf6 30.Rxa7 Bd4 31.Ra6+ Ke5 32.Rg5+ Rf5 33.Rxf5+ Kxf5 34.Bxd4 Rxd4 35.Ra5 Rb4 36.a3 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 Kf4 38.Ra8 Rb2+ 39.Ke1 Ke5 40.Re8+ Kd4 41.Rd8+ Kc4 42.Re8 Kd3 43.Rd8+ Kc3 44.Re8 Kb3 45.Rxe4 Kxa3 46.f4 b4 47.f5 Rh2 48.f6 b3 49.f7 Rh8 50.Kd2 b2 51.Re1 Rf8 52.Rf1 Ka2 53.Kc2 Rxf7 54.Rxf7 b1Q+ 55.Kd2 Qb2+ 56.Ke1 Qe5+ 57.Kf2 Qc5+ Time forfeit 0-1 (57) Alexandr_KhleBovich (2763)-derdimcokanacan (2789) Blitz 2024]

7.Bb3

[7.Bb5 0-0 8.Bg5

A) 8...d5 9.Nd2 Be6 *(9...c6 10.Ba4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bc2 b6 13.Qe2 d4 14.Ngf3 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qe7 16.0-0 Qc5 17.Rac1*

Ba6 18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.fxe3 Kg7 20.Nb3 Nb7 21.Kf2 Rfe8 22.g4 Be7 23.a4 f6 24.Rg1 Red8 25.Rcd1 c5 26.Nc1 Kh7 27.Ne2 Na5 28.h4 Rd7 29.h5 g5 30.c4 Nc6 31.Nc3 Nb4 32.Ne1 Bf8 33.Ke2 Bc8 34.a5 Rb7 35.Ra1 Kg7 36.axb6 Rxb6 37.Kd2 Bd6 38.Nf3 Be6 39.Nd5 Rb7 40.Bd1 a5 41.Ba4 Rab8 42.Nc3 Bc7 43.Ke2 Ra8 44.Nd2 Bd6 45.Ndb1 Rab8 46.Na3 Bf8 47.Kd2 Kf7 48.Nab5 Bd7 49.Nd5 Be7 50.Nbc3 Be6 51.Ke2 Kg7 52.Bb5 Bd8 53.Na4 Nxd5 54.exd5 Bxd5 55.Nxc5 Rxb5 56.cxb5 Rxb5 57.e4 Bf7 58.Na4 Be8 59.Rgc1 Rb8 60.Nc5 Kg8 61.Rcb1 Ra8 62.Na4 Kf7 63.Rb7+ Kg8 64.Rb2 Kf7 65.Nb6 Rb8 66.Nc4 Rxb2+ 67.Nxb2 Bd7 68.Kf3 Ke8 69.Nc4 a4 70.Nd6+ Kf8 71.Nf5 Be7 72.Rb1 Bxf5 73.exf5 Ke8 74.Ke4 Kf7 75.Kd5 Kg7 76.Ke6 Bc5 77.Rb7+ Kg8 78.Kxf6 a3 79.Rg7+ Kh8 80.Kg6 e4 81.f6 a2 82.f7 a1N 83.Rg8# 1-0 (83) Hoon_Bot (2808)-PurpleHunter (2522) Blitz 2024 *)* 10.h4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qe3 Bg7 13.Ngf3 a6 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Ba4 Rad8 16.Bc2 Nc6 17.0-0 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 f5 19.a4 Bf7 20.Rad1 b6 21.Nf1 Qd6 22.Qc1 Bd5 23.N1d2 Qf6 24.Bb3 Bxb3 25.Nxb3 Re7 26.Qc2 g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.g4 Rf8 29.Nh2 Ref7 30.Nd2 Qh6 31.Qb3 Ne7 32.Re3 Ng6 33.gxf5 Nf4 34.Rde1 Kh8 35.Ne4 Rxf5 36.Ng4 Qh5 37.Rg3 Nh3+ 38.Kg2 Nf4+ 39.Kg1 Nh3+ 40.Kg2 Nf4+ 41.Kg1 ½-½ (41) Hoon_Bot (2832)-weyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy (2809) Rapid 2024;

B) 8...c6 9.Ba4 d5 10.Bc2 dxe4 11.dxe4 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd2 b5 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.Ngf3 Rd8 16.b4 Nb7 17.a4 a5 18.0-0 Be6 19.Rfb1 Kg7 20.h3 Qc7 21.axb5 cxb5 22.Qxb5 Qxc3 23.bxa5 Nxa5 24.Qb2 Qc7 25.Bd1 Rdb8 26.Qc1 Rxb1 27.Qxb1 Rb8 28.Qc1 Bd8 29.Qxc7 Bxc7 30.Rc1 Bd6 31.Be2 Rb4 32.Ba6 Rb6 33.Bc8 Ba2 34.Rc2 Bb3 35.Rb2 Rb8 36.Nxb3 Nxb3 37.Bd7 Nd4 38.Rxb8 Nxf3+ 39.gxf3 Bxb8 40.Kg2 Kf6 41.Ba4 Bc7 42.Bc6 Bb6 43.Bd5 Ba5 44.Kg3 Bd2 45.Kg2 Bg5 46.Bb3 h5 47.Bc2 h4 48.f4 Bxf4 49.Ba4 Bd2 50.Bb3 Bb4 51.f3 Bd2 52.Bc4 Be3 53.Bb3 Kg7 54.Kf1 Bd4 55.Ba4 Bb6 56.Be8 Be3 57.Kg2 Bg5 58.Bb5 Kf8 59.Kf1 Be3 60.Bc4 Bf4 61.Ba2 Bh2 62.Ke2 Bg1 63.Kf1 Bd4 64.Kg2 Be3 65.Bd5 Bf4 66.Ba2 Bd2 67.Kf1 Ke7 68.Bb1 Be3 69.Kg2 Bg5 70.Kf1 Bc1 71.Ba2 Ba3 72.Bc4 Bc5 73.Bd5 Bb6 74.Kg2 Bd4 75.Kf1 Bb2 76.Bb3 f6 77.Bc4 Ba3 78.Ba2 Bb4 79.Kf2 Bd6 80.Bd5 Bc5+ 81.Ke1 Bg1 82.Ke2 Kf8 83.Bb7 Bd4 84.Kf1 Bc3 85.Ba6 Bb2 86.Kg2 Kg7 87.Bc4 Bc1 88.Kf1 Bd2 89.Ba2 Kf8 90.Be6 Be3 91.Bc4 Bc1 92.Ba6 Bf4 93.Kg2 Kg7 94.Bc4 Be3 95.Bb3 Kh6 96.Ba4 Bf4 97.Be8 Kg5 98.Bd7 Be3 99.Be8 Bd4 100.Bb5 Kf4 101.Be8 g5 102.Bd7 Ke3 103.Bc8 Ba7 104.Be6 Kd2 105.Bf5 Ke1 106.Be6 Bf2 107.Bg4 Ke2 108.Bd7 Be3 109.Be8 Kd2

110.Bf7 Bd4 111.Be8 Ke3 112.Bd7 Kf4 113.Be6 Bc3 114.Bf5 Bb2 115.Bd7 Ba3 116.Be8 Bb4 117.Bb5 Bd2 118.Bc4 Ke3 119.Be6 Kd3 120.Bf5 Ke2 121.Bg4 Ba5 122.Bd7 Bc7 123.Be8 Ke1 124.Bh5 Bb6 125.Bg4 Kd2 126.Be6 Ke2 127.Bg4 Bc5 128.Bf5 Kd2 129.Bg4 Ke1 130.Bd7 1-0 (130) Hoon_Bot (2887)-pawn_git (2750) Blitz 2024]

7...Nxb3

[7...0-0 8.Bg5 Nxb3 9.axb3 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.b4 Bg7 12.Qe3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 Re8 15.Ne2 exf4 16.Qf2 Qe7 17.Kd1 Qe3 18.Qxe3 fxe3 19.Na3 b6 20.Nb5 Be5 21.d4 c6 22.dxe5 cxb5 23.Nf4 Rxe5 24.Ke2 Bb7 25.Rhd1 d5 26.Rd3 Kf7 27.Rxe3 Rae8 28.Rxe5 Rxe5+ 29.Kf2 a6 30.g3 Kf6 31.Rd1 a5 32.Rd4 Kg5 33.Nh3+ Kg6 34.Nf4+ Kf6 35.Rd1 axb4 36.Nd3 Re4 37.Nxb4 Ke5 38.Nc2 f4 39.Ra1 h5 40.Ra7 Bc8 41.Re7+ Kd6 42.Rxe4 fxg3+ 43.Kxg3 dxe4 44.Kf4 Kc5 45.Kxe4 h4 46.Ne3 b4 47.cxb4+ Kxb4 48.Nd5+ Kb5 49.Kf4 Kc5 50.Ke5 Bb7 51.Nxb6 Kxb6 52.b3 h3 53.b4 Kb5 54.Kd4 Kxb4 55.Kd3 Ba6+ 56.Kd2 Bf1 57.Kc1 Bg2 58.Kd1 Kc3 59.Ke1 Kd3 60.Kf2 Kd4 61.Kg1 Ke5 62.Kf2 Kf4 63.Kg1 Be4 64.Kf1 Kf3 65.Kg1 Bd3 66.Kh1 Kf4 67.Kg1 Kf3 68.Kh1 Kf4 69.Kg1 Ke3 70.Kh1 Be4+ 71.Kg1 Bd3 72.Kh1 Kf3 73.Kg1 Be2 74.Kh1 Bc4 75.Kg1 Kf4 76.Kh1 Kf3 77.Kg1 Bd5 78.Kf1 Bc6 79.Kg1 Bd5 80.Kf1 Bc6 81.Kg1 Bd7 82.Kf1 Bf5 83.Kg1 Be4 84.Kf1 Bf5 85.Kg1 Be4 86.Kf1 Bd5 87.Kg1 Be6 88.Kf1 Bb3 89.Kg1 Bc4 90.Kh1 Bb3 91.Kg1 Ba4 92.Kf1 Bb5+ 93.Kg1 Be2 94.Kh1 Bb5 95.Kg1 Ke2 96.Kh1 Ke1 97.Kg1 Bd7 98.Kh1 Ke2 99.Kg1 Ke3 100.Kf1 Kd2 101.Kg1 Ke1 102.Kh1 Be6 103.Kg1 Bf5 104.Kh1 Kd2 ½-½ (104) Hoon_Bot (2822)-xxsaturnxx (2647) Blitz 2024]

8.axb3 d5 9.Qe2

[9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6

A) 12.b4 0-0 13.Qe2 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bg7 15.Nf3 a6 16.0-0 Re8 17.Rfe1 Bd5 *(17...b6 18.Qc2 Bd5 19.Re3 Re7 20.c4 Bb7 21.Nc3 Qd7 22.b5 axb5 23.Rxa8+ Bxa8 24.Nxb5 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qd8 26.Nc3 Rd7 27.b4 Rd4 28.Qe2 Rh4 29.Re4 Rh5 30.Rg4 e4 31.Nxe4 f5 32.Rxg6 fxe4 33.Qxe4 Rg5+ 34.Kf1 Rxg6 35.Qxg6 Qd6 36.Qf5 Qf8 37.Qg4 Kh8 38.h3 Bc3 39.b5 Be5 40.Ke2 Bd6 41.Qg6 Qe7+ 42.Kf1 Qg5 43.Qf7 Qf4 44.Qg6 Qc1+ 45.Ke2 Qg5 46.Qe4 Kg7 47.h4 Qg6 48.d4 h5 49.Qd5 Qf7 50.Qc6 Qf5 51.Kd2 Qf4+ 52.Kd3 Be7 53.c5 Bf6 54.Qd5 Kh6 55.cxb6 cxb6 56.Qc6 Qxd4+ 57.Ke2 Kg7 58.Qc7+ Kg8 59.Kf1 Bxh4 60.Qc8+ Kf7 61.Qb7+ Be7 62.Kg2 Kf6 63.Qc6+ Kg7 64.Qc7 Qd6 65.Qb7 Kh6 66.f4 Qg6+ 67.Kf1 Qd3+ 68.Kg2 Bc5 69.Qa8 Qg6+ 70.Kh2 Qf6 71.Kg3 Qg7+ 72.Kf3 Qg4+ 73.Ke4 Qe2+ 74.Kf5 Qd3+ 75.Ke5 Bd4+ 76.Kd6 Qg6+ 77.Kc7 Qf7+ 78.Kd6 Qxf4+* Normal 0-1 (78) Hoon_Bot (2828)-compchess60 (2928) Blitz 2024*)* 18.h3 b6 19.c4 Bb7 20.b5 axb5 21.cxb5 Re7 22.Nc3 Qe8

23.Rad1 Rd8 24.d4 e4 25.Ne5 Rd6 26.Qc4 h5 27.Kf1 Qa8 28.Kg1 Qe8 29.Kh1 Qd8 30.Qa4 Bf6 31.Qa7 Ba8 32.Qa4 Kg7 33.Kg1 Bb7 34.Qb4 Bxe5 35.dxe5 Rxe5 36.Qc4 Rg5 37.Rxd6 Qxd6 38.Re3 Qc5 39.Qa4 Re5 40.Qa7 Bd5 41.Qa1 h4 42.Qc1 Bb7 43.Qd2 Qd6 44.Qe1 Qe7 45.Re2 g5 46.Qd1 Qc5 47.Qd2 f6 48.Qe3 Kf7 49.Qd2 Bd5 50.Kh1 Kg6 51.Re1 f5 52.Rc1 Qb4 53.Qe3 f4 54.Qd2 Bf7 55.Re1 Kg7 56.Qd8 Qe7 57.Qxe7 Rxe7 58.Nxe4 Bg6 59.f3 Re5 60.Kg1 Bxe4 61.Rxe4 Rxb5 62.Re7+ Kf6 63.Rxc7 Rxb2 64.Rc6+ Kf5 65.Rc3 Ke5 66.Rc7 Kd6 67.Rc8 Rb5 68.Rd8+ Kc6 69.Rh8 Rd5 70.Rc8+ Kb7 71.Re8 b5 72.Kf2 Kb6 73.Ra8 b4 74.g3 hxg3+ 75.Kf1 Kb5 76.Rb8+ Kc4 77.h4 gxh4 78.Ke2 h3 79.Rf8 h2 80.Rxf4+ Kc3 0-1 (80) Hoon_Bot (2834)-Mithril-SF (2951) Blitz 2024;

B) 12.Qe2 a5 13.Ngf3 0-0 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rfe1 b6 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.Qd3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bg7 20.Rad1 c5 21.Nf3 Bc6 22.Qxd8 Rexd8 23.Rd2 Rd5 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 25.Ned2 Be6 26.h4 b5 27.Ne4 Bxb3 28.Nxc5 Ba2 29.Nd3 Bd5 30.Nfe5 Rd8 31.f4 Ba8 32.Re3 h5 33.Kf2 Bf8 34.Nf3 Bb7 35.Ke1 Ba6 36.Nfe5 b4 37.cxb4 f6 38.Rg3 Kh7 39.Nxg6 Bd6 40.bxa5 Rg8 41.Re3 Rxg6 42.b4 Bxd3 43.Rxd3 Bxb4+ 44.Kf2 Bxa5 45.Rd5 Bb6+ 46.Kf3 Kh6 47.Ke4 Bf2 48.Rd8 Rg7 49.Kf5 Bxh4 50.Rh8+ Rh7 51.Rb8 Ra7 52.g4 Ra5+ 53.Ke6 Kg6 54.gxh5+ Kxh5 55.Rg8 Bg5 0-1 (55) Hoon_Bot (2840)-the_magnificent_bob (2970) Rapid 2024]

9...Qd6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.b4 b6 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Nbd2 a6 15.h3 h6 16.d4 Nd7 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Nf3 Qxe4 20.Qf1 Qf5 21.Be3 Qd7 22.Bd4 Qd6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qd3 Qf6 25.Qd2 Rad8 26.Qd4 Re4 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6 28.Nd4 h5 29.Red1 h4 30.f3 Re7 31.Rd2 Ra8 32.Kf2 Rae8 33.Rc1 g5 34.Rg1 c6 35.Ra1 Kg6 36.f4 gxf4 37.Kf1 Ra8 38.Nf3 Kh5 39.Kg1 Re4 40.Nd4 a5 41.bxa5 c5 42.Nf5 Bc6 43.b4 Re5 44.Nd6 Re6 45.b5 Rxd6 46.bxc6 bxa5 47.Kf2 Kg5 48.Ra4 Ra6 49.c7 Rac6 50.Rxa5 Rxc7 51.Kf3 Rd8 52.Kf2 f5 53.Rb2 c4 54.Rb6 Re7 55.Raa6 Rg8 56.Rd6 Rb7 57.Ra2 Rgb8 58.Rxd5 Rb2+ 59.Rd2 Rxa2 60.Rxa2 Rb3 61.Ra7 Rxc3 62.Rg7+ Kf6 63.Rc7 f3 64.g3 Rc2+ 65.Kxf3 Rc3+ 66.Kf4 hxg3 67.Rc5 Ke6 68.Re5+ Kd6 69.Re1 g2 70.Rg1 Rxh3 71.Rxg2 c3 72.Kxf5 Kd5 73.Kg4 Rd3 74.Kf4 Rd2 75.Rg7 c2 76.Rc7 Kd4 77.Kg5 Kd3 78.Rc8 Ke2 79.Kf6 Kd1 80.Rc3 c1Q 81.Rxc1+ Kxc1 82.Kf5 Re2 83.Kf4 Kc2 84.Kg3 Re4 0-1 (84) Hoon_Bot (2871)-Nikitosikbot_v2 (3031) Blitz 2024

5.Qb3 Nd4 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qc4 b5 8.Qc5+ Kxf7 9.Qc3 Bb4 10.Qd3 d5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qxe8+ Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 Bxc2# Early Days-Destroying The Queen Raid

5.Nc3 Nd4 6.Qd3 c6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Bb3 d5 11.Qe2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxe4 13.d3 Nc5 14.Qxe5 Re8 15.Qd4 Nxb3 16.axb3 a6 17.Bh6 f6 18.Rae1 Bd7 19.h4 Kf7 20.Re3 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qe7 22.c4 dxc4

23.bxc4 Re8 24.e4 c5 25.Qb2 Bc6 26.Bg5 Qe5 27.Rxf6+ Kg7 28.Qxe5 Rxe5 29.Rf1 h6 30.Bf6+ Normal 1-0 (30) JoeLaPoutre (2565)-AzureRook (2459) Blitz 2024

45 **5...d6** 6.h3
[6.Qb3 Qd7 7.Qf3 Qe7 *(7...Bg7 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.d3 Kh8 10.h3 Ng8 11.h4 h6 12.Qg3 Nce7 13.f4 Nf6 14.fxe5 Nh5 15.Qh3 Qxh3 16.gxh3 dxe5 17.b3 b6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Rb8 20.Ba3 Bd7 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.a4 Bf6 23.Kf2 Bxh4+ 24.Kg2 a5 25.Rhf1 Kg7 26.d4 Nf6 27.Bb7 Rb8 28.dxe5 Rxb7 29.Rf4 Nxe4 30.Rxh4 Ng5 31.Nc3 c5 32.Nd5 Bf5 33.Ne3 Be4+ 34.Rxe4 Nxe4 35.Rd1 f5 36.exf6+ Nxf6 37.Rd6 Re7 38.Kf3 h5 39.Nc4 Rf7 40.Kg2 Ne4 41.Re6 Rf2+ 42.Kg1 Rf4 43.Rxb6 Ng5 44.Nxa5 Nxh3+ 45.Kg2 Ng5 46.Nc4 Rg4+ 47.Kf1 Rf4+ 48.Kg2 h4 49.Ne5 h3+ 50.Kg3 Rf1 51.Rxg6+ Kh7 52.Rxg5 Rg1+ 53.Kxh3* ½-½ (53) Hoon_Bot (2858)-ToromBot (2975) Blitz 2024*)* 8.d3 Bg4 9.Qe3 h5 10.f3 Be6 11.Bb5 h4 12.Nbc3 h3 13.g3 Bg7 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qf2 0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.g4 a4 18.Qh4 Rfb8 19.Nd1 c5 20.Bg5 c4 21.Rg1 cxd3 22.cxd3 c5 23.Rg3 c4 24.dxc4 Bxc4 25.Nec3 d5 26.exd5 e4 27.fxe4 Qe5 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.g5 Bg7 30.Rxh3 a3 31.b3 Bxd5 32.Nxd5 Qxa1 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nd7+ Ke8 35.Nxb8 Rxb8 36.Rd3 Kf8 37.Qf4 Be5 38.Qd2 Qb1 39.h4 Kg8 40.Kf2 Kg7 41.Kf3 Rh8 42.Rd5 Bb2 43.Rd7 Qxa2 44.Qd5 Rf8 45.h5 gxh5 46.g6 Qa1 47.gxf7 Be5 48.Ra7 Bd4 49.Qg5+ Kh7 50.Qxh5+ Kg7 51.Qg5+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh8 53.Qh5+ Kg7 54.Qg5+ Kh7 55.Qf5+ Kg7 56.Qg4+ Kh7 57.Qh3+ Kg7 58.Qg4+ Kh7 59.Qh3+ Kg7 60.Qg2+ Kh7 61.Qh2+ Kg7 62.Qg3+ Kh7 63.Qh2+ Kg7 64.Qg3+ Kh7 65.Qh4+ Kg7 66.Ne3 Bxe3 67.Qg3+ Kh7 68.Kxe3 Qc3+ 69.Kf2 Qf6+ 70.Qf3 Qb6+ 71.Qe3 Qf6+ 72.Qf3 Qd4+ 73.Qe3 Qf6+ 74.Ke2 Rxf7 75.Qh3+ Kg7 76.Qg3+ Kh8 77.Qh2+ Kg7 78.Qg3+ Kh8 79.Qh2+ Kg7 80.Qg1+ Kh7 81.Qh1+ Kg7 82.Qg1+ Kh7 83.Kd3 Qf3+ 84.Kc2 Qe2+ 85.Kc3 Qf3+ 86.Kb4 a2 87.Qh2+ Kg7 88.Qe5+ Kh7 89.Qh2+ Kg7 90.Qe5+ Kh7 91.Rxf7+ Qxf7 92.Qa1 Qf2 93.e5 Qc2 94.Qe1 a1Q 95.Qxa1 Qe4+ 96.Ka3 Qa8+ 97.Kb2 Qg2+ 98.Kb1 Qf1+ 99.Ka2 Qa6+ 100.Kb1 Qf1+ 101.Ka2 Qa6+ 102.Kb1 Qf1+ ½-½ (102) Hoon_Bot (2865)-Nikitosk-ai (2983) Rapid 2024]
[6.Nbc3 Bg4 7.Qg3 Bg7 *(7...Nb4 8.Bb3 Be6 9.0-0 Bxb3 10.axb3 Nxc2 11.Ra4 c6 12.f4 b5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nxb5 cxb5 15.Qxe5+ Be7 16.Qxb5+ Qd7 17.Qa6 Nh5 18.Qc4 Rc8 19.Qxf7+ Kd8 20.d4 Rf8 21.Qxh7 Nf6 22.Qxg6 Rg8 23.Qf7 Qg4 24.Nf4 Rc7 25.e5 Ne8 26.g3 Kc8 27.Qd5 Kb8 28.Ra5 Qd7 29.Rb5+* 1-0 (29) Pranav,V (2632)-Durarbayli,V (2618) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 8.d3
A) 8...Qd7 9.f3 Be6 10.Be3 *(10.Bg5* Nakamura,H (2657)-Sasikiran,K (2642) Malmo/Copenhagen 2005, 0-1 (87)*.)* 10...d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qh4 h5 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Rf2 Ne7 17.Ng3 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Rg1 Qd8

20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 Qd7 22.g4 hxg4 23.fxg4 g5 24.Qh3 Be6 25.Ne4 b6 26.Qg3 Bd5 27.Qf3 Kh7 28.h4 gxh4 29.Rh2 Kg6 30.Qf5+ Qxf5 31.gxf5+ Kf7 32.Rxh4 Rh8 33.Rxh8 Rxh8+ 34.Kg2 Rh4 35.Kf3 Rh5 36.Kg4 Rh2 37.Nd2 Bb7 38.a4 Re2 39.Rg3 Bc8 40.b3 Rh2 41.Kf3 Bxf5 42.Ne4 Bc8 43.c4 Bb7 44.Bg1 Ra2 45.Ke3 Bh6+ 46.Kf3 f5 47.Rh3 fxe4+ 48.dxe4 Bf4 49.Rh7+ Ke6 50.Rxc7 Ra3 51.Rxb7 Rxb3+ 52.Ke2 Rb4 53.c5 bxc5 54.Rxa7 Rb2+ 55.Kd3 Rb1 56.Kc4 Rd1 57.Bxc5 Rc1+ 58.Kb5 Rxc5+ 59.Kxc5 Be3+ 60.Kc6 Bxa7 61.a5 Bd4 62.a6 Kf6 63.Kb7 Kg5 64.Kc6 Kf4 65.Kd5 Ke3 66.a7 Bxa7 67.Ke6 Bd4 68.Kd5 Kf4 69.Kc4 Kxe4 70.Kb3 Kd3 71.Ka2 e4 72.Kb1 e3 73.Kc1 e2 74.Kb1 e1Q+ 75.Ka2 Qa5+ 76.Kb3 Qc3+ 77.Ka4 Qc4+ 0-1 (77) BulletCoach (2638)-franky3000 (2534) Blitz 2024;

B) 8...h6 9.0-0 a6 10.f4 b5 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Bb3 b4 13.d4 bxc3 14.dxe5 Bxe2 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Rf2 cxb2 17.Bxb2 Bxb2 18.Bxf7+ Kd7 19.Qh3+ Kc6 20.Bd5+ Kc5 21.Qe3+ Bd4 22.Qa3+ Kb6 23.Qb4+ Bb5 24.Qxd4+ c5 25.Qg7 Ra7 26.Rf7 Rxf7 27.Qxf7 Rf8 28.Qxg6 Rf6 29.Qg3 Qf8 30.c4 Bc6 31.Rb1+ Kc7 32.e5 dxe5 33.Qxe5+ Qd6 34.Qe4 Bxd5 35.cxd5 Rf7 36.h3 Re7 37.Qc4 Rd7 38.a4 Qxd5 39.Qxa6 Qd4+ 40.Kh1 Kd8 41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.Rb1 Qe4 43.Rc1 Qf4 44.Re1+ Kf8 45.Qe6 Rf7 46.a5 Qb4 47.a6 Qb8 48.Qc4 Qb6 49.Rf1 Rxf1+ 50.Qxf1+ Ke7 51.Qe2+ Kd7 52.Qd3+ Kc7 53.Qh7+ Kb8 54.a7+ Ka8 55.Qxh6 Qxh6 0-1 (55) hhcuuid (2634)-qasdfgi (2671) Blitz 2024]

6...Bg7 7.d3N Kosten,Tony: 'transposing to the game.' Prevents Bg4 7...0-0 [7...Nb4 8.Bb3 Be6 9.Na3 d5 10.Bg5 c6 11.0-0 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qxf6 Bxf6 14.Rad1 a5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Rfe1 Nc7 17.f4 Bxb3 18.axb3 0-0 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.d4 Bf6 21.c3 b5 22.Nc2 Kg7 23.Nf4 h5 24.Ra1 b4 25.cxb4 axb4 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Nxb4 Bxd4+ 28.Kf1 Bxb2 29.Nxc6 Ra6 30.Nb4 Rf6 31.Nbd3 Bd4 32.Re4 Nb5 33.Nb4 h4 34.Nc2 Bb6 35.Ke1 Nd6 36.Ra4 Nf5 37.Nd3 g5 38.Rc4 Re6+ 39.Kd1 Rd6 40.Ke2 Ng3+ 41.Kd2 Nf1+ 42.Ke2 Ng3+ 43.Kd2 Re6 44.Kd1 Bg1 45.b4 f6 46.Rc7+ Kg6 47.Rc4 Nf5 48.Rc7 Rd6 49.Kd2 Ng3 50.Rc8 Re6 51.Kd1 Rd6 52.Kd2 Nf5 53.Rc7 Bf2 54.Rc3 Bb6 55.Rc4 Re6 56.Nc5 Rd6+ 57.Nd3 Kf7 58.Rc3 Ng3 59.Rc4 Nf5 60.Rc3 Ng3 61.Rc4 Re6 62.Kd1 Kg6 63.Nc5 Re8 64.Nd3 Re6 65.Nc5 Re7 66.Nd3 Bg1 67.Rc6 Kg7 68.Nc5 Kf7 69.Nd3 Nf5 70.Nc5 Bh2 71.Nd3 Rd7 72.Kd2 Bg1 73.Kc3 Re7 74.Kd2 Ra7 75.Ke1 Re7+ 76.Kd2 Rd7 77.Ke2 Ra7 78.Kf1 Ne7 79.Rc4 Bb6 80.Ke2 Nd5 81.Rc6 Ra2 82.Kf3 Bg1 83.Nc1 Rb2 84.Nd3 Rb3 85.Ke2 Bh2 86.Rc4 Nf4+ 87.Nxf4 Bxf4 88.Ne1 Rb2+ 89.Kf3 Rb3+ 90.Ke2 Rb2+ 91.Kf3 Bh2 92.Nd3 Rd2 93.Rd4 Rc2 94.Ne1 Ra2 95.Rc4 Rb2 96.Nc2 Bg1 97.Ke4 Kg6 98.Kd3

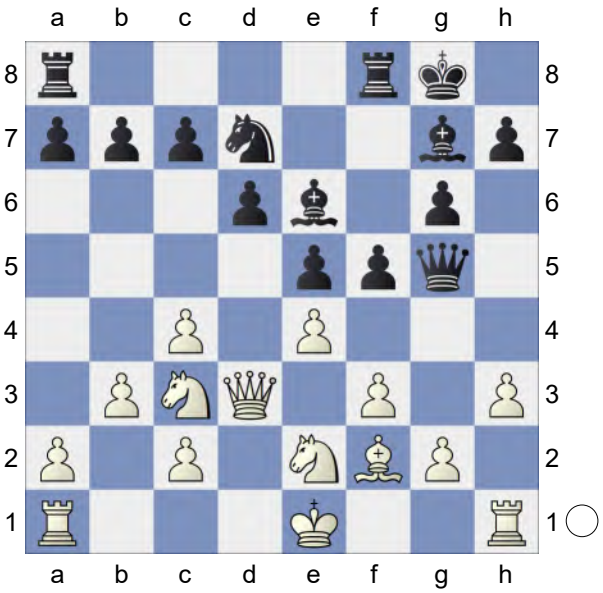
Rb3+ 99.Rc3 Rb2 100.Rc4 Rb3+ 101.Ke2 Bh2 102.Ne3 Rb2+ 103.Kd3 Rb3+ 104.Ke4 Rb2 105.Kd3 Bf4 106.Nc2 Rb3+ 107.Ke2 Rb2 108.Kd3 Rb3+ 109.Ke2 Be5 110.Ne3 Bb8 111.Ng4 Kf5 112.Rc5+ Be5 113.b5 Ke4 114.Rc4+ Kf5 115.Rc5 Ke4 116.Rc4+ Kd5 117.Nxe5 Rxb5 118.Rg4 Kxe5 119.Ra4 Rd5 120.Kf2 Rd4 121.Ra5+ Rd5 122.Ra4 Rd2+ 123.Kg1 Rd1+ 124.Kh2 f5 125.Ra5+ Ke4 126.Ra4+ Ke3 127.Ra5 Ke4 128.Ra4+ Rd4 129.Ra6 f4 130.Ra2 Kf5 131.Ra5+ Kg6 132.Ra6+ Kh5 133.Kg1 Rd1+ 134.Kf2 Rd2+ 135.Kf1 Rd5 136.Kg1 Rd1+ 137.Kf2 Rd2+ 138.Kg1 Rc2 139.Ra8 Rc1+ 140.Kf2 Rc2+ 141.Kg1 Rd2 142.Rh8+ Kg6 143.Ra8 Rd1+ 144.Kf2 Kf5 145.Ra5+ Kg6 146.Ra8 Rd2+ 147.Kg1 Kg7 148.Ra7+ Kh6 149.Ra6+ Kh5 150.Kf1 Rd3 151.Kf2 Rb3 152.Ra2 Rb6 153.Kf3 Rb1 154.Kf2 Rb6 155.Kf3 Rb4 156.Kf2 Rb5 157.Ra6 Rb2+ 158.Kg1 Rb1+ 159.Kf2 Rb2+ 160.Kg1 Rb5 161.Kf1 Rb8 162.Ke2 Rc8 163.Kf2 Rc2+ 164.Kf3 Rb2 165.Ra8 Kg6 166.Ra5 Kf6 167.Ra6+ Kf5 168.Ra3 Ke5 169.Ra5+ Kf6 170.Ra6+ Kf5 171.Ra5+ Kg6 172.Ra6+ Kh5 173.Ra8 Rc2 174.Rh8+ Kg6 175.Rg8+ Kf6 176.Ra8 Ke5 177.Ra5+ Kf6 178.Ra6+ Kf5 179.Ra5+ Rc5 ½-½ (179) Hoon_Bot (2862)-Intron014 (2999) Rapid 2024]

[7...Na5 8.Nbc3 Black has an edge. Nxc4 *(8...c6 9.g4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bb2 Nb4 15.0-0 Nxc2 16.Rad1 Nd4* ½-½ (16) BulletCoach (2735)-Gaius_Baltar (2806) Blitz 2024 *)* 9.dxc4

A) 9...a5 10.a4 b6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.0-0-0 h6 13.g4 Qd7 14.b3 0-0-0 15.Qg2 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 f5 17.gxf5 gxf5 18.Nxd6+ cxd6 19.f3 e4 20.f4 Rhg8 21.Rhg1 Bd4 22.Nxd4 Rxg2 23.Rxg2 d5 24.Nb5 Qe6 25.cxd5 Bxd5 26.Rg7 Rg8 27.Rc7+ Kb8 28.Bd4 Rc8 29.Be5 Rxc7 30.Nxc7 Qg8 31.Nxd5+ Kb7 32.Kb2 Qg6 33.Nc3 Qg2 34.Rd7+ Kc8 35.Rg7 Qxh3 36.Nb5 Qh4 37.Rf7 e3 38.Bc7 Qf6+ 39.Rxf6 e2 40.Rf7 Kb7 41.Be5+ Kc8 42.Rc7+ Kb8 43.Nd4 Ka8 44.Nc6 e1Q 45.Ra7# 1-0 (45) Hoon_Bot (2892)-simbelmyne-bot (2555) Blitz 2024;

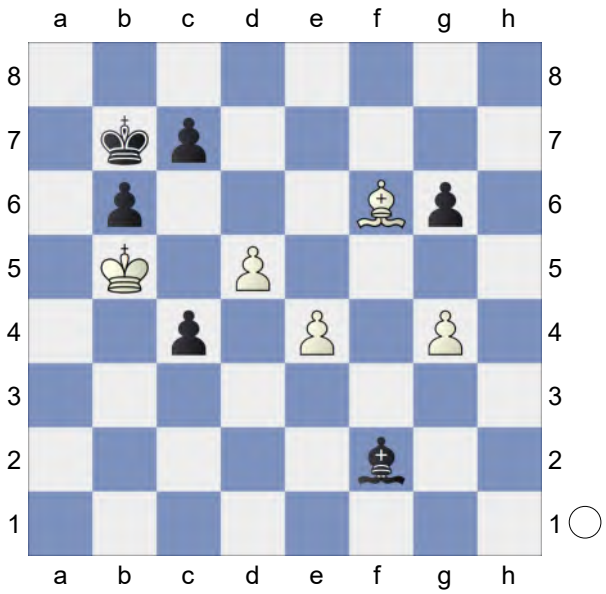
B) 9...Be6

B1) 10.Qd3 Nd7 ...Nc5 would now be deadly. 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 f5 13.f3 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qg5



White must now prevent ...fxe4. 15.Rg1 -0.72/20 *(15.Ng3∓* -0.36/21 is superior.*)* 15...Nc5 -0.24/21 *(15...Bh6∓* -0.72/20 Strongly threatening ...Nc5.

16.h4 Qf6 17.exf5 gxf5) 16.Qe3= Qxe3 17.Bxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Nc3 h5 21.Ke2 Kh7 22.Rgf1 Bh6 23.Bg1 Kg7 0.26/21 *(23...Bf4∓* -0.31/20) 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Rxf1 26.Rxf1 Rf8 27.Rxf8 Kxf8 Endgame. KB-KB 28.Kd3 Ke8 29.Bf2 Bg5 30.Kc4 Kd7 31.a4 Kc8 32.b4 Kd7 33.b5 axb5+ 34.Kxb5 Bd2 35.c4 b6 36.Ka6 Kc8 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Bc3 39.Be3 Be1 40.Kb5 Kb7 41.Bc1 Bc3 42.Ba3 Be1 43.a5 Bxa5 44.c5 dxc5 45.Bb2 Be1 46.Bxe5 Bf2? 5.91/27 *(46...c4!=* 0.05/16) 47.Bf6 c4



B1a) 48.Bc3!+- 3.77/30 aiming for e5! Kc8 49.e5 *(49.Kxc4 Bg3+-)*;

B1b) 48.Kxc4? 0.00/35 48...c6 The position is equal. 49.Be5 b5+ 50.Kb4 Kb6 Threatens to win with ...cxd5. 51.Bd6 Be1+ 52.Kb3 cxd5 53.exd5 Kb7 54.Kc2 Kc8 55.Kd3 Kd7 56.Bc5 Bg3 57.Ke4 Bd6 58.Bd4 Ke7 59.Be3 Kd7 60.Kd4 Kc7 61.Bd2 Kb7 62.Kd3 Kb6 63.Kd4 Kb7 ½-½ (63) Carlsen, M (2882)-Dominguez Perez,L (2763) Saint Louis USA 2019 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.14 (very precise) . Loses game: --- Black=1 Missed win: White=1 --- Mistake: White=1 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=3 --- OK: White=18 Black=34 Best: White=1 Black=1 ;

B2) 10.b3 c6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Qg3 0-0 18.Rad1 Qa5 19.a4 Rac8 20.c4 Rfd8 21.Qh4 a6 22.Bxh6 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Qb4 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qg3 f6 26.f4 e4 27.Nd4 Bf7 28.f5 g5 29.h4 Qc5 30.hxg5 Rd8 31.gxf6+ Kf8 32.Qe3 Bh5 33.Ne6+ Time forfeit 1-0 (33) BulletCoach (2613)-CristianS27 (2553) Blitz 2024;

C) 9...0-0 10.b3 c6 11.Ba3 Ne8 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Bb2 a6 14.c5 Qc7 15.Qe3 dxc5 16.Qxc5 a5 17.Rhf1 b6 18.Qe3 b5 19.f4 a4 20.f5 Bc8 21.Kb1 axb3 22.axb3 b4 23.Na4 Ba6 24.g4 Bb5 25.g5 Qa7 26.Qxa7 Rxa7 27.c4 Bxa4 28.bxa4 f6 29.h4 Rxa4 30.Ng3 Ra8 31.Rg1 Rf7 32.h5 gxh5 33.Nxh5 Kf8 34.g6 hxg6 35.fxg6 Rfa7 36.Ng3 Ke7 37.Nf5+ Ke6 38.Rh1 Rb7 39.Rh7 Rc7 40.Bc1 Rca7 41.c5 b3 42.Kb2 Ra2+

43.Kxb3 R2a7 44.Kc2 Rb8 45.Rd3 Ra2+ 46.Kd1 Rb7 47.Rd8 Rd7+ 48.Rxd7 Kxd7 49.Nxg7 Nxg7 50.Rxg7+ Ke6 51.Rc7 Ra8 52.g7 f5 53.exf5+ Kf6 54.Bh6 Kxf5 55.Rxc6 e4 56.Rd6 Rb8 57.Ke2 Ra8 58.Be3 1-0 (58) Hoon_Bot (2860)-xxSaturnxx (2735) Blitz 2024]

[7...h6

A) 8.g4 Be6 9.Nbc3 Bxc4 *(9...Qd7 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Nh7 12.Be3 Nf8 13.0-0-0 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Bg5 Nh7 17.Bh4 Bf6 18.Nd5 0-0-0 19.Nxf6 Nxf6 20.Bg5 Nh7 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.Kb1 Nf6 23.Rdg1 d5 24.Ng3 Ne7 25.Re1 e4 26.dxe4 dxe4 27.h4 Qd5 28.Qe2 Qe5 29.h5 f4 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Qxe4 Rd1+ 32.Rxd1 Qxe4 33.h6 Ng6 34.h7 Qe5 35.Rhg1 Qh8 36.Rxg6 Qxh7 37.Rdg1 b6 38.a3 Qh2 39.R6g2 Qh3 40.Rg4 Qf3 41.R4g2 a5 42.a4 Kb7 43.b3 Ka7 44.Kb2 Kb7 45.Kb1 Qe2 46.Rg7 Qxf2 47.Rd1 Qe3 48.Rdd7 Qe5 49.Rgf7 Kc6 50.Rde7 Qg5 51.Re4 Qg1+ 52.Ka2 Qd1 53.Rc4+ Kd6 54.Rfxf4 c5 55.Rf6+ Kc7 56.Kb2 Qe1 57.Rff4 Qe5+ 58.Ka2 Qe2 59.Rf7+ Kc6 60.Rc3 Qd2 61.Rff3 b5 62.Rfd3 Qe2 63.Re3 Qd2 64.Re6+ Kd5 65.Rd3+ Qxd3 66.cxd3 Kxe6 67.axb5 Kd5 68.Ka3 Kd6 69.Ka4 c4* 1-0 (69) BulletCoach (2576)-QWERT0808 (2431) Blitz 2024*)* 10.dxc4 0-0 11.Be3 Kh7 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.h4 a6 14.h5 g5 15.Ng3 b5 16.c5 b4 17.Na4 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.cxd6 Ne5 20.Qf5+ Kh8 21.Rxd4 cxd6 22.Rhd1 Qe8 23.Rxb4 Nc6 24.Rb6 Rb8 25.Rxd6 Rxb6 26.Nxb6 Nb4 27.c3 Nxa2+ 28.Kc2 Qe6 1-0 (28) Hamisandwich (2661)-kahvitauko (2497) Blitz 2024;

B) 8.Nbc3 Black has an edge.

B1) 8...0-0 -0.31/23 Kosten,Tony: 'MH: ' ∓" 9.g4 *(9.Be3 Be6 10.g4 Nh7 11.Nd5 Na5 12.Bd2 c6 13.Ne3 Nxc4 14.dxc4 Ng5 15.Qg2 Qf6 16.Ng1 Bd7 17.0-0-0 Ne6 18.f3 Nf4 19.Qf1 a6 20.Ne2 b5 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Bc3 Qe7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ng2 Be6 25.Qd3 Rfd8 26.Nxf4 Bxc4 27.Qd4+ Qe5 28.b3 Be6 29.h4 c5 30.Qxe5+ dxe5 31.Nd3 c4 32.Nxe5 cxb3 33.axb3 a5 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Rd1 Rxd1+ 36.Kxd1 a4 37.bxa4 bxa4 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 f6 40.gxf6+ Kxf6 41.Nd3 a3 42.Kc1 g5 43.Kb1 Bc4 44.Ka1 Ke6 45.Kb1 Kf6 46.Kc1 Ke6 47.Kb1 Kf6* ½-½ (47) Indjic,A (2595)-Ambartsumova,K (2418) chess.com INT 2024 *)*

B1a) 9...Nh7 10.h4 Be6 *(10...Nb4* with more complications. *11.Kd1 c6 12.a3 d5)* 11.h5 -1.02/17 *(11.Bd2=* -0.23/24 *)* 11...g5∓ 12.Nd5? -3.40/20 Kosten,Tony: 'Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) Chess.com INT 2021, 0-1 (58),' *(12.Bd2∓* -0.97/22 *)* 12...Ne7? -0.09/23 *(12...Nd4!-+* -3.40/20 Kosten,Tony: '!' *13.Nxd4 exd4* Kosten,Tony: 'and ...c7-c6 wins the knight.'*)* 13.Ne3 c6

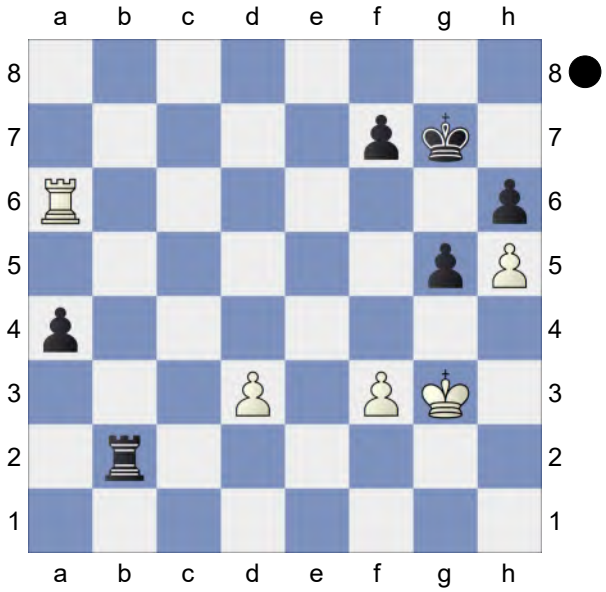
14.Bb3 a5 15.c3 Bxb3 -0.01/23 *(15...a4∓ -0.83/22 16.Bd1 d5)* 16.axb3= Qb6 17.Ra3 Nf6 1.42/26 *(17...d5= 0.12/27)* 18.Ng3 0.75/25 *(⌓18.Nc4! 1.42/26 Qc7 19.Ng3)* 18...d5 19.0-0 Qc7 1.33/23 *(⌓19...dxe4 0.76/23 20.dxe4 c5)* 20.Nef5!± Nxf5 21.Nxf5 Qd7 22.Kg2 0.37/21 *(22.Be3!± 1.06/19)* 22...Rfe8!± 23.Re1 Bf8 24.Ra4 b5 25.Ra1 Re6 26.Be3 c5 27.exd5 Nxd5 28.c4 Nb6 0.70/24 *(Better is 28...Nc7!= 0.00/25)*

B1a1) 29.b4!± 0.70/24 Qxd3 30.Red1 *(30.Rxa5 Rxa5 31.bxa5 e4=; 30.Bxc5 Qxf3+ 31.Kxf3 Bxc5=; 30.bxa5 e4∓)*;

B1a2) 29.Qe4 0.00/24 29...a4 1.30/23 *(29...b4= 0.00/24* keeps the balance. *)* 30.b4 Rc8 31.cxb5 Qxb5 32.bxc5 Bxc5 33.Rac1 0.23/21 *(33.Bxc5± 0.88/23 Qxc5 34.Rac1)* 33...Bxe3= 34.Rxc8+ Nxc8

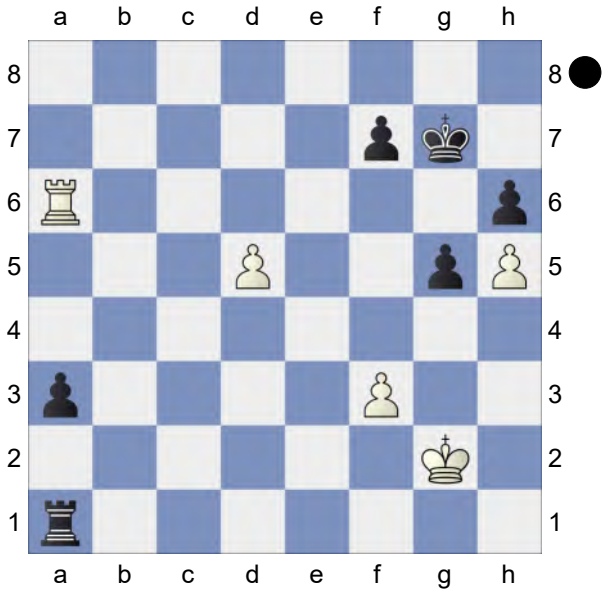
B1a21) Much worse is 35.fxe3 Nd6 *(35...Qxb2+ 36.Kh3=)* 36.Nxd6 Rxd6∓ *(36...Qxb2+ 37.Kg1=)*;

B1a22) 35.Rxe3 Hoping for Qa8. 35...Nd6 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qf8? -3.29/32 *(37.Nxd6=* 0.00/35 and White is okay. *Rxd6 38.Qe4+ Kg7 39.Qxe5+ Qxe5 40.Rxe5)* 37...Nxf5!-+ 38.gxf5 Endgame. KQR-KQR Qd5+? -0.12/28 *(* Black should try *38...Rf6-+* -3.34/32 *39.Qc8 Qxb2)* 39.f3= Rf6 40.Qb4 *(40.Qe8* seems wilder. *Rb6 41.f6 Qe6 42.Qxa4 Rxb2+ 43.Kg3)* 40...Rxf5 ...g4! is the strong threat. 41.Qe4□ White is not holding back Qxe4 42.Rxe4 KR-KR Rf4 aiming for ...Rxe4. 43.Rxe5 Rb4 44.Ra5 -1.45/37 Black continues to play with concentration. *(44.Re2=* -0.10/31 *)* 44...Rxb2+∓ 45.Kg3 Rb4 46.Ra6 Kg7 47.Kg2? -4.02/30 *(47.Ra7* -1.74/31 was worth a try. *)* 47...Rb2+-+ 48.Kg3

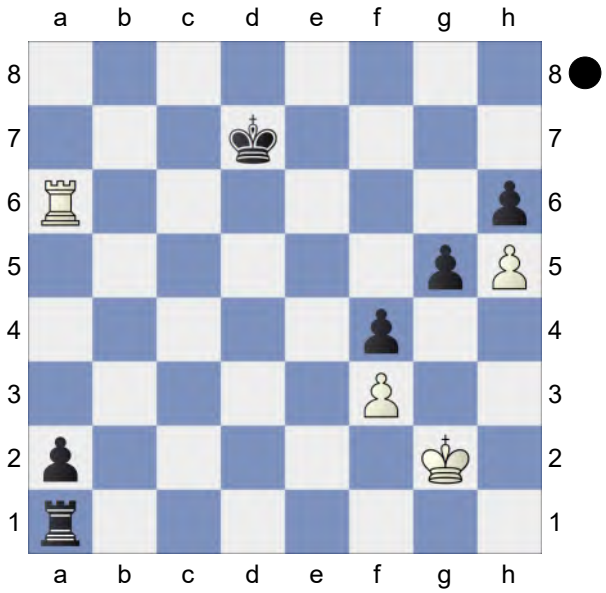


Ra2 49.d4? -5.51/28 *(49.f4* -3.04/23 was called for. *Ra3 50.f5)* 49...a3 Black is

clearly winning. 50.d5 Ra1 ...a2 would now be deadly. 51.Kg2



a2! 52.d6 Kf6 53.d7+ Ke7 54.Ra7 Kd8 55.Kh2 f5 56.Kg2 f4 57.Ra4 Kxd7 Threatens to win with ...g4! 58.Ra6



g4! 0-1 (58) Rapport,R (2763)-Nihal,S (2650) chess.com INT 2021 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.36. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=2 Mistake: White=8 Black=5 Inaccurate: White=4 Black=2 OK: White=11 Black=15 Best: --- Black=4 Strong: White=1 Black=2 ;

B1b) 9...Ne8 10.h4 Na5 11.h5 Nxc4 12.dxc4 g5 13.Ng3 Kh7 14.Nf5 b6 15.Be3 Be6 16.b3 a5 17.a4 Bf6 18.0-0-0 Ng7 19.Nd5 Nxf5 20.exf5 Bd7 21.Qe4 Kg7 22.Rd3 Bc6 23.Rhd1 Qc8 24.Bd2 Qb7 25.Bc3 Rfe8 26.Kb2 Rad8 27.Qe3 Rd7 28.Qe1 Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Rde7 30.Qe4 Qb8 31.Rb5 Qa8 32.Rbd5 Qb8 33.f3 Qa8 34.R1d3 Qb8 35.Re3 Qa8 36.Be1 Qb8 37.Bf2 Qa8 38.Red3 Qb8 39.Rd1 Qa8 40.Re1 Qb8 41.Rd3 Qa8 42.Qxa8 Rxa8 43.Re4 Rae8 44.c3 Ra8 45.Ka3 Ree8 46.b4 Reb8 47.Kb3 Rb7 48.Rd2 Rba7 49.Ra2 Ra6 50.Be3 Kf8 51.Bf2 Ke7 52.b5 R6a7 53.Rd2 Kf8 54.Rd5 Rb7 55.Rd2 Re8 56.Rd5 Rbb8 57.Kc2 Ra8 58.Kd3 Reb8 59.Ke2 Ke7 60.Kd3 Kd7 61.Bg3 Kc8 62.Bf2 Kb7 63.Be3 Re8 64.Kc2 Rad8 65.Kb3 Rc8 66.Rd3 Be7 67.Rd5 f6 68.Rd3 Bf8 69.Rd5 Re7 70.Bf2 Rf7 71.Re2 Kb8 72.Re4 Ka7 73.Be3 Rb8

74.Bf2 Rb7 75.Be3 Re7 76.Bf2 Re8 77.Be3 Rc8 78.Bf2 Kb8 79.Be3 Ka7 80.Bf2 c6 81.bxc6 Rxc6 82.Rb5 Rbc7 83.Be3 Ka6 84.Bf2 Be7 85.Be3 Ka7 86.Bf2 Kb7 87.Be3 Ka6 88.Bf2 Rc8 89.Be3 R6c7 90.Bf2 d5 91.Be3 dxe4 92.fxe4 0-1 (92) Hamisandwich (2662)-angelito_78 (2547) Blitz 2024;

B1c) 9...Nd7 10.h4? *(10.Qg2* first. *)* 10...Nd4! 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Ne5 winning the g4-pawn, Ider,B (2497)-Csonka,B (2424) Budapest 2017, 0-1 (42) .;

B1d) 9...Be6 10.g5 Nh5 11.gxh6 Bh8 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4 Qf6 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Kh7 16.Rg1 Nxf4 17.Nxf4 Ne5 0-1 (17) CakeinSpace2002 (2536)-Coach_Ryan (2580) Blitz 2024;

B1e) 9...Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qg3 e5 17.f4 Qb6 18.b3 exf4 19.Bxf4 Qb4+ 20.Bd2 Qc5 21.0-0-0 Rad8 22.Rhf1 Qa3+ 23.Kb1 a4 24.Bc1 Qb4 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Bd2 Qb5 27.Qg2 axb3 28.axb3 Ra8 29.Bc1 Qa5 30.Bb2 b5 31.Rf1 Qc7 32.Qf2 Rf8 33.Qg1 c5 34.Rxf8+ Bxf8 35.Kc1 Qe7 36.Qf2 Qg5+ 37.Kb1 Bg7 38.Bc1 Qe7 39.h4 c4 40.dxc4 bxc4 41.bxc4 Qxe4 42.g5 Qb7+ 43.Ka2 Qa6+ 44.Kb3 Qb7+ 45.Ka2 Qc6 46.Qe2 h5 47.Qe6+ Kh7 48.Qd5 Qa6+ 49.Kb3 Qb6+ 50.Qb5 Qc7 51.Ba3 Qe7 52.Qd5 Qe3+ 53.Ka4 Qd2 54.Qe4 Qc3 55.Qd3 Qa1 56.Kb3 Qb1+ 57.Ka4 Qa1 58.Kb5 Qh1 59.Bxd6 Qxh4 60.c5 Qxg5 61.Kb6 Qd8+ 62.Bc7 Qd7 63.c6 Qd5 64.Qb5 Qe4 65.Bh2 Qxc2 66.c7 d3 67.Bf4 Bd4+ 68.Kb7 d2 69.Qd7+ Bg7 70.Qxd2 Qb3+ 71.Kc8 Qg8+ 72.Kb7 Qf7 73.Qd6 Qb3+ 74.Kc8 Qg8+ 75.Kd7 Qb3 76.Be5 Qf7+ 77.Kc6 Qf5 78.Kb7 Qc2 79.c8Q Qb3+ 80.Kc7 Qf7+ 81.Qdd7 1-0 (81) BulletCoach (2712)-Calzonesdesuperman (2604) Blitz 2024;

B2) 8...Na5

B2a) 9.Be3 Nxc4 *(9...c6!?)* 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Qe7 12.a4 Nd7 13.0-0-0 To,N (2347)-Grabarczyk,M (2408) Budapest 2018, □-□ (65).;

B2b) 9.a4= 0.19/21 MH;

B2c) 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 0-0 12.Rd1 *(12.a3 a5 13.a4 Nd7 14.Qd3 f5 15.Ba3 Qh4 16.Qg3 Qxg3 17.fxg3 h5 18.Rad1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 b6 21.N2c3 Nc5 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Ke2 Bf5 24.Rf1 Re8 25.Rf3 Re7 26.Ke3 Bh6+ 27.Kd3 Kg7 28.Nd5 Rd7 29.Ne3 Be6 30.Nf6 Rd8 31.Nfd5 c6 32.Rf6 Bf7 33.Rxf7+ Kxf7*

34.Nc3 Ke6 35.g4 Bxe3 36.Kxe3 d5 37.cxd5+ cxd5 38.Ne2 hxg4 39.hxg4 Rf8 40.g3 Rf1 41.c4 d4+ 42.Ke4 Re1 0-1 (42) hhcuuid (2621)-LittlePumpkin (2661) Blitz 2024 *)* 12...Nd7 13.Ba3 b6 14.Nd5 a5 15.Ng3 Kh7 16.Re1 a4 17.Bb4 Nc5 18.Bc3 Nd7 19.Rad1 axb3 20.axb3 Ra2 21.Nb4 Ra8 22.Ra1 Nc5 23.Nd5 c6 24.Rxa8 Qxa8 25.Nxb6 Qa6 26.Na4 Nxa4 27.Ra1 Qb7 28.Rxa4 d5 29.cxd5 cxd5 30.exd5 Bxd5 31.Qg4 Bxg2 32.Ne4 Bxe4 33.Qxe4 Qc7 34.Rc4 Qd7 35.Kg2 f5 36.Qc6 Qe7 37.Bb4 Qg5+ 38.Kh2 Rd8 39.Qg2 Qf6 40.Rc6 Qf7 41.Rd6 Rc8 42.Rc6 Rd8 43.Rd6 Rb8 44.Bc3 Qc7 45.Qc6 Rc8 46.Qxc7 Rxc7 47.Ba5 Rxc2 48.b4 e4 49.Kg2 e3 50.Kf3 exf2 51.Kg2 Be5 52.Rd1 Rb2 53.Rf1 Bd4 54.Kf3 g5 55.Kg2 Kg6 56.Kf3 Rb3+ 57.Kg2 g4 58.hxg4 fxg4 59.Rd1 Be3 60.Rd6+ Kf5 61.Bb6 Bxb6 62.Rxb6 g3 63.Rb5+ Kg4 64.Rb8 h5 65.Rg8+ Kf4 66.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 67.Kxf2 Rb3 0-1 (67) TimQuaker (2712)-IbreakeYou (2896) Blitz 2024]

8.a3 h6

[8...Rb8 9.Nbc3 Nh5 10.Bd2 b5 11.Ba2 a5 12.0-0 Kh8 13.Nd5 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rae1 Be6 16.Qe4 Qd7 17.g4 Nf6 18.Nxf6 Rxf6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Qd5 Ree8 21.b4 a4 22.c4 bxc4 23.dxc4 e4 24.Bf4 Ne5 25.Nd4 Rbc8 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Qc6 Qf7 28.f4 exf3 29.Rxe5 Bxe5 30.Nxf3 Bg7 31.Kg2 h6 32.c5 dxc5 33.bxc5 Rb8 34.Ne5 Qa2+ 35.Rf2 Rb2 36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Qxg6+ Kg8 38.Nd3 Rxf2+ 39.Nxf2 Qxa3 40.Qe6+ Kh7 41.Qf5+ Kg8 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qf5+ Kg8 44.Qd5+ Kh7 45.Qe4+ Kh8 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Qe4+ Kh8 48.Qe8+ Kh7 49.g5 hxg5 50.Qe4+ Kh8 51.Qa8+ Kh7 52.Qe4+ Kh8 53.Qa8+ Kh7 54.Qe4+ ½-½ (54) Hoon_Bot (2854)-Nikitosik-ai (2976) Rapid 2024]

[8...Qe7 9.0-0 Nd8 10.a4 c6 11.Nbc3 Ne6 12.a5 Nh5 13.Bxe6 Bxe6 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.Qxg3 d5 16.f4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5 18.Re1 Rae8 19.c3 a6 20.fxe5 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Bxe5 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.Qxf4 Qc5+ 24.Kh2 Kg7 25.Raa4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Qxa5 27.Re7 Qb5 28.Qd4+ Kg8 29.b4 Qd5 30.Qxd5 cxd5 31.Rxb7 Rc8 32.b5 axb5 33.Rxb5 Rxc3 34.Rxd5 Rc1 35.g4 Kg7 36.Kg3 Kf6 37.Rd4 h6 38.Rf4+ Ke7 39.Rf3 Rb1 40.Kf4 Ke6 41.Re3+ Kd5 42.Rf3 Ke6 43.Kg3 Ke7 44.Kf2 Ke6 45.Re3+ Kd6 46.Kf3 Ra1 47.Ke4 Rb1 48.Rf3 Re1+ 49.Re3 Rh1 50.Rf3 Ke6 51.Re3 Kd6 52.d4 Ke6 53.d5+ Kd6 54.Rf3 Ke7 55.Rc3 Kd6 56.Rf3 Ke7 57.Ke5 Rd1 58.d6+ Rxd6 59.Rxf7+ Kxf7 60.Kxd6 Kf6 61.h4 g5 62.h5 Kf7 63.Kc5 Kg7 64.Kc4 Kg8 65.Kb3 Kf7 66.Kc2 Kg7 67.Kc1 Kf6 68.Kd2 Ke5 69.Ke3 Kd5 70.Kd3 Ke5 71.Ke3 Kd5 72.Kd3 Kd6 73.Kd2 Kc5 74.Kc3 Kd5 75.Kd3 ½-½ (75) Hoon_Bot (2848)-ArasanX (2891) Blitz 2024]

[8...a5 9.Nbc3 a4 *(9...Be6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bxe6 fxe6*

13.Qg4 Qe8 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.0-0 h5 16.Qg3 g5 17.d4 Nxd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.f4 Qb5 20.Rae1 Rce8 21.Kh1 a4 22.c3 d3 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 d2 25.Rd1 Re7 26.Qe3 Rg7 27.Qxd2 g4 28.Kh2 gxh3 29.gxh3 Kf7 30.d5 Qb3 31.dxe6+ Kxe6 32.Rg1 Rxg1 33.Rxg1 Kd7 34.f5 Qf3 35.Rg7+ Kc8 36.Qd5 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf1+ 38.Kh2 h4 39.Rg8 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf1+ 43.Kh2 Normal ½-½ (43) Hoon_Bot (2831)-Blauer-Rausch (2937) Blitz 2024*)*
10.h4 *(10.0-0 Be6 11.Be3 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Nd7 13.Rad1 b6 14.Nb5 Na5 15.Bd2 Nc5 16.Bxa5 bxa5 17.b4 axb3 18.cxb3 Ne6 19.b4 h5 20.Ra1 Qb8 21.Rab1 Bh6 22.Rfd1 Bg5 23.Qb3 Ra6 24.Nbc3 axb4 25.axb4 Qa7 26.Nb5 Qb7 27.Nec3 Rfa8 28.Nd5 Qb8 29.Qf3 Ra2 30.Ndc3 Rd2 31.Rxd2 Bxd2 32.Qe2 Bg5 33.Qb2 c6 34.Na3 Kg7 35.Nc2 Qb6 36.Nd1 Bd8 37.Nde3 Be7 38.Ra1 Rb8 39.Qc3 Bg5 40.Rd1 Bxe3 41.Qxe3 Qxe3 42.fxe3 Ng5 43.Rxd6 Rc8 44.Ne1 Nxe4 45.Rd7 Kf6 46.Nf3 Ke6 47.Ra7 Rd8 48.b5 cxb5 49.Ra6+ Kf5 50.Nh4+ Kg5 51.Nf3+ Kf5 52.Nh4+ Kg5 53.Nf3+ Kh6 54.cxb5 Rd5 55.b6 Rb5 56.b7 Rxb7 57.Nxe5 Re7 58.Nc4 Rd7 59.Ne5 Re7 60.Nc4 Rd7 61.Ne5 Rc7 62.Ra4 Nd6 63.Kf2 Kg7 64.g4 Re7 65.Nc6 Rc7 66.Ne5 hxg4 67.hxg4 Re7 68.Nd3 Ne4+ 69.Kf3 Ng5+ 70.Kf2 Kh7 71.Nf4 Re5 72.Rd4 Kh6 73.Rd3 Ne4+* ½-½ (73) Hoon_Bot (2852)-Botyuliirma (2939) Rapid 2024*)*
10...Bg4 11.Qg3 Be6 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.0-0-0 h6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Be3 Qe8 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Nxd4 e5 18.Nde2 b5 19.f3 Rb8 20.Na2 c5 21.c3 d5 22.Kb1 Qf7 23.Rd2 Rb7 24.Rc2 Rd8 25.Re1 dxe4 26.dxe4 Kh7 27.Nec1 Ne8 28.Qf2 Bf8 29.Rd2 Nd6 30.Qe2 Rbd7 31.Red1 Nc4 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Nd3 Qd8 35.g3 h5 36.Nac1 Bh6 37.Kc2 Qe7 38.Qf2 Be3 39.Qe2 Kg7 40.Qf1 Qd7 41.Qe2 Qe6 42.Nf2 g5 43.hxg5 Qg6 44.Ncd3 Qxg5 45.Nd1 Bg1 46.f4 Qxg3 47.Qxh5 exf4 48.Qf5 Qg2+ 49.Kb1 Nd2+ 50.Kc1 Nb3+ 51.Kb1 Nd2+ 52.Ka2 Qxe4 53.Qxe4 Nxe4 54.Nxf4 Nd2 55.c4 b4 56.axb4 cxb4 57.Nd3 ½-½ (57) Hoon_Bot (2820)-Buletten-Karl (2932) Blitz 2024]
9.Nbc3 Be6 10.0-0 Bxc4 11.dxc4 Nd7 12.Bd2 a5 13.Nb5 Nc5 14.Rad1 Ne6 15.b3 Kh7 16.Qe3 f5 17.f4 Qe8 18.exf5 gxf5 19.c5 dxc5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bc3 Ng6 22.Bxg7 Nxg7 23.Qxe8 Raxe8 24.Nec3 Rf7 25.Nd5 Ne6 26.Rfe1 f4 27.Re4 Ngf8 28.Nbc3 f3 29.g4 Rd8 30.h4 c6 31.Ne3 Rxd1+ 32.Ncxd1 Nd4 33.Nf2 Ng6 34.h5 Nf4 35.Re5 Nfe2+ 36.Kh2 b6 37.Nc4 Nxc2 38.Nxb6 Nxa3 39.Rxc5 Nd4 40.Rxa5 Nab5 41.b4 Re7 42.Nc4 Re2 43.Kg3 Re1 44.Nb2 Nc3 45.Nbd3 Nce2+ 46.Kh2 Rg1 47.Nf4 Rb1 48.Ng6 Rb2 49.Ra7+ Kg8 50.Ne7+ Kf8 51.Ng6+ Kg8 52.Ra8+ Kg7 53.Rd8 Nc3 54.Kg3 Nce2+ 55.Kh2 Nc3 56.Kg3 Nce2+ 57.Kh4 Rxb4 58.Rd7+ Kg8 59.Ne5 Nf5+ 60.Kh3 Nf4+ 61.Kh2 Ne3 62.Rd8+ Kg7 63.Rd7+ Kf6 64.Nxc6 Nf1+ 65.Kg1 Ng3 66.Kh2 Nf1+ 67.Kg1 Ng3 68.g5+ Kxg5 69.Nxb4 Nfe2+ 70.Kh2 Nf1+ 71.Kh1 Nfg3+ 72.Kh2 Nf1+ 73.Kh1 Nfg3+ 74.Kh2 ½-½ (74) Hoon_Bot (2875)-Nikitosik-ai (2999)

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5...Be7 6.Nbc3 d6 7.d3 Be6 8.h3 [8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Bh6 Rg8 10.0-0-0 *(10.h4 Qd7 11.0-0-0 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 e5 14.Bg5 Rf8 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Qg3 h5 17.f4 Qg4 18.Qxg4 hxg4 19.Rdf1 Kf7 20.h5 Kg7 21.hxg6 Rxg6 22.fxe5 Bg5+ 23.Kd1 dxe5 24.Rf5 Re8 25.Ng3 Ree6 26.Nh5+ Kg8 27.Rhf1 Be7 28.Rf7 Rh6 29.Ng7 Ref6 30.R7xf6 Bxf6 31.Nf5 Rh2 32.Rg1 Bg5 33.Ke2 Bf4 34.Kf1 g3 35.Ke2 Kf7 36.Kf3 Ke6 37.Nxd4+ Kf6 38.Ne2 Kg5 39.Nxg3 Rh8 40.Ne2 Bd2 41.g3 Rf8+ 42.Kg2 Be3 43.Rf1 Re8 44.Rf3 Bc5 45.Rf5+ Kg6 46.Kf3 c6 47.c3 Bd6 48.d4 exd4 49.cxd4 Rh8 50.g4 Rh3+ 51.Kg2 Rh2+ 52.Kf1 Be7 53.e5 Bg5 54.Nf4+ Kh6 55.e6 Rh1+ 56.Ke2 Rh2+ 57.Kd3 Rh1 58.e7 Bxe7 59.Ne6 Rd1+* 0-1 (59) hhcuuid (2590)-Gabrielian (2688) Blitz 2024*)* 10...Qd7 11.Bg5 Rf8 12.Qh3 0-0-0 13.f4 Nh5 14.Bh6 Rf7 15.Rdf1 exf4 16.g4 e5 17.Nd5 Nf6 18.Rhg1 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nb4 20.Nc3 c6 21.dxc6 Qxc6 22.g5+ Rf5 23.a3 Nd5 24.Ne4 Ne3 25.Rf2 Kb8 26.Re1 d5 27.Nc3 Bxa3 28.Rxe3 fxe3 29.Rxf5 gxf5 30.Qxf5 Qxc3 0-1 (30) hhcuuid (2593)-Gabrielian (2685) Blitz 2024]

[8.Bh6 Rg8 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nb4 11.0-0-0 c6 12.Nc3 Qd7 13.a3 Nbxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Qc6 17.Qxc6+ bxc6 18.Be3 f5 19.f3 Kf7 20.d4 Ke6 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Rhe1 Rgd8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxa7 c5 25.Bb6 Bg5+ 26.Kb1 Rd2 27.Bxc5 Kd5 28.b4 Rxg2 29.a4 e4 30.fxe4+ fxe4 31.a5 Bd2 32.a6 Bxe1 33.a7 Bc3 34.a8Q+ Ke5 35.Qh8+ Kf5 36.Qxc3 1-0 (36) hhcuuid (2585)-Gabrielian (2694) Blitz 2024]

8...Qd7 9.Bg5 Nh5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.g4 Ng7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bb3 Bxb3 14.axb3 Ne6 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Nc6 18.Ra4 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.gxf5 Rhf8 21.Nd5 Qxf5 22.Qg4 h5 23.Qxf5+ Rxf5 24.Rd1 Rxf2 25.Rh4 Rh8 26.b4 Ne5 27.b5 Kd7 28.Rg1 Rh7 29.b3 c6 30.bxc6+ bxc6 31.Nc3 Nf3 32.Rf4 Nxg1 33.Rxf2 Nxh3 34.Rh2 Ng5 35.Ne2 h4 36.Rh1 h3 37.Kd2 Rf7 38.c4 Rf3 39.Nd4 Ne4+ 40.Ke2 Rxb3 41.Nxb3 Ng3+ 42.Kf3 Nxh1 43.Nd4 Kc7 44.Nb3 Kb6 45.Nd2 a5 46.Nb1 a4 47.Nc3 a3 48.Ke3 Kc5 49.Kd3 Nf2+ 50.Ke2 h2 51.Kxf2 h1Q 52.Ke2 Kxc4 53.Nd1 Qe4+ 54.Kd2 Qd3+ 55.Kc1 Kb3 56.Nf2 Qc2# 0-1 (56) BulletCoach (2620)-Gabrielian (2673) Blitz 2024

[46] **6.0-0** d6

[6...Na5 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbc3 d6 *(8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 d6 10.Qd3 h6 11.b3 Nh5 12.a4 f5 13.Rb1 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Bf5 15.f3 Qd7 16.g4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Qxg6 Rae8 20.Bb2 Re2 21.Rf2 Rfe8 22.Rd1 Qf7 23.Qxg7+ Qxg7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rd4 Re1+ 26.Kg2 Rf8 27.h4 Rf7 28.Rd5 b6 29.a5 Kg6 30.axb6 axb6 31.h5+ Kf6 32.Rf5+ Ke6 33.Rxf7 Kxf7 34.Rd2 Kf6 35.Rd5 Re5 36.Kf2 Kg5 37.b4 Kf6 38.Rxe5 dxe5 39.Ke2 Kg5 40.Kd3 Kh4 41.Ke4 Kg3 42.b5* Normal 1-0 (42) hhcuuid (2628)-Prooshka (2605) Blitz 2024*)* 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.d4 f4

15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc3 Qh4 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qd3 f3 19.Re1 fxg2 20.Be3 a5 21.Qc4+ Kh8 22.Nd6 Qh5 23.Nxb7 Rf6 24.Nc5 Bf3 25.Ne4 Rg6 26.Qd3 Kg8 27.Bd2 Rf8 28.Ng3 Qh3 29.Rxa5 Rg4 30.Nf5 c5 31.Ra7 h6 32.Nxh6+ Kh8 33.Nxg4 Bxg4 34.Qg6 Bd7 35.Re3 Qf5 36.Qxf5 Bxf5 37.Bc3 Re8 38.Rc7 Rd8 39.Bxe5 Bxe5 40.Rxe5 Bxc2 41.Rexc5 Rd1+ 42.Kxg2 Bd3 43.f3 Bg6 44.b4 1-0 (44) Hoon_Bot (2859)-xxSaturnxx (2749) Blitz 2024]

[6...0-0 7.d3 d5 8.exd5 Bg4 9.Qe3 Nxd5 10.Qe4 Nf6 11.Qe3 Nd5 12.Qe4 Nf6 13.Qe3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nd4 15.Qd1 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.c3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Qd7 19.Na3 Rfd8 20.Re1 c6 21.Qf3 Nd5 22.Nc2 Re8 23.h3 f5 24.Be3 Bf8 25.Qd1 Qd6 26.Bd2 Nf6 27.Bg5 Bg7 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Qf3 Bg7 30.Re2 Qd7 31.h4 h5 32.Qg3 Kh7 33.Ne1 e4 34.dxe4 fxe4 35.Nc2 Re5 36.Ne3 Qe8 37.Nf1 Ra7 38.Qe3 Qb8 39.Qf4 Qe8 40.Qe3 Qe7 41.Qb6 Re6 42.g3 b4 43.Rxa5 Rb7 44.Qe3 Qd7 45.cxb4 Bd4 46.Qd2 Rf6 47.Ra8 Rc7 48.Rb8 Kg7 49.Rxe4 Bxf2+ 50.Kg2 Ba7 51.Rd8 Rf2+ 52.Qxf2 Qxd8 53.Qd2 Qd5 54.Qc3+ Kh7 55.Qc4 Rf7 56.Qxd5 cxd5 57.Re2 Kg7 58.Rd2 Kh6 59.Nh2 Rb7 60.Rxd5 Rxb4 61.Rd3 Bd4 62.Nf3 Bf6 63.Kf2 Kh7 64.Ke2 Kg8 65.Ng5 Bxb2 66.Ne6 Be5 67.Rd8+ Kh7 68.Ng5+ Kg7 69.Rd3 Kf8 70.Re3 Bb8 71.Kf1 Kg8 72.Kg2 Kf8 73.Ne6+ Kf7 74.Nd8+ Kg7 75.Re7+ Kh6 76.Rb7 Rxb7 77.Nxb7 Be5 78.b4 g5 79.Nd8 Kg6 80.hxg5 Kf5 81.b5 Bc7 82.g6 Kxg6 83.Ne6 Ba5 84.Kh3 Kf5 85.Kh4 Kxe6 86.Kxh5 Kf5 87.g4+ Ke6 88.Kg6 Kd7 89.Kf5 Kd6 90.g5 Kd7 91.Ke4 Ke8 92.Kd4 Kf8 93.Kc4 Kg8 94.Kd4 Normal ½-½ (94) Hoon_Bot (2826)-abcbot (2751) Blitz 2024]

7.Nbc3 0-0

[7...Bg4 8.Qg3 Bxe2 9.Bxe2 Nd4 10.Bd1 c6 11.a4 Ne6 12.d3 a5 13.Qe3 h5 14.Qe1 Nd7 15.Rb1 Ndc5 16.Kh1 b6 17.Ne2 Qd7 18.f4 exf4 19.Nxf4 Nxa4 20.d4 b5 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Be3 c5 23.Be2 0-0 24.Bxb5 cxd4 25.Bxa4 dxe3 26.Qxe3 Qe5 27.Bb3 Rae8 28.Qd2 Qxe4 29.Qxa5 Qh4 30.Qa7 Kh7 31.Qf2 Qg4 32.Qf3 f5 33.Bd5 Qb4 34.c3 Qb6 35.Qf2 Qxf2 36.Rxf2 Rb8 37.Rc2 Rfc8 38.Rd1 Be5 39.g3 Kh6 40.Rf2 Rc5 41.Kg2 Rcb5 42.Rdd2 Ra5 43.h4 Ra4 44.Bf3 Kg7 45.Kh3 Ra5 46.Rd5 Ra2 47.Rdd2 Ra1 48.Rd1 Ra5 49.Rdd2 Ra1 50.Rd1 Ra2 51.Rdd2 Ra7 52.Rd1 Kh7 53.Rdd2 Kh6 54.Rd3 Ra4 55.Kg2 Ra2 56.Rdd2 Ra7 57.Rd3 Ra2 58.Rdd2 Rb6 59.Bd1 Ra7 60.Bf3 Ra1 61.Rd1 Ra2 62.Rdd2 Ra1 63.Rd1 Ra4 64.Rd3 Kg7 65.Rd1 Rb8 66.Kh3 Kh6 67.Rd3 Ra1 68.Rd1 Ra2 69.Rdd2 Ra7 70.Rd1 Rb3 71.Rd3 Rb6 72.Kg2 Rb8 73.Bc6 Rb6 74.Bf3 Rb8 75.Bc6 Rc7 76.Bf3 Rc5 77.Rd5 Rc7 78.Rd3 Rg7 79.Bd5 Rb5 80.Kh3 Rb8 81.b4 Rc7 82.Rff3 Rb5 83.Be6 Rb8 84.Bd5 Rb5 85.Be6 Ra7 86.Bd5 Kg7 87.Bc6 Rb6 88.b5 Rxc6 89.bxc6 Ra6 90.Kg2 Rxc6 91.Rd2 Rc5 92.Rd1 Kf6 93.Re3 Rc7 94.Rb1 Kg7 95.Rb3 Kf7 96.Rd3 Ke6 97.Rf3 Kf6 98.Rd3 Ke6 99.Rf3 Rc4 100.Re3 Rc5 101.Rb8 Rc4 102.Rb3 Kf6

103.Rd3 Ke6 104.Rb4 Rxc3 105.Rxc3 Bxc3 106.Rb7 ½-½ (106) Hoon_Bot (2820)-compchess60 (2952) Blitz 2024]

8.d3 Kosten,Tony: 'MH' 8...h6

[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qh3 Qd7 11.a3 Rae8 *(11...Nh5 12.Nd5 Rf7 13.Ne3 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Ng4 Kh8 16.f4 Raf8 17.g3 e5 18.f5 gxf5 19.Nh6 Bxh6 20.Bxh6 Ng7 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Rxf5 Qxf5 23.Qg2 c6 24.Re1 Qh5 25.Bd2 Ne6 26.c3 Qf5 27.Qe2 dxc3 28.Bxc3 c5 29.b4 b6 30.bxc5 bxc5 31.Qe3 Ng5 32.Kh1 Qf3+ 33.Qxf3 Rxf3 34.Bxe5+ dxe5 35.Rxe5 h6 36.Rxc5 Rxd3 37.Ra5 Rd2 38.Rf5 Ra2 39.h4 Ne4 40.Rf3 Kg7 41.Re3 Nf6 42.Rb3 Kg6 43.Kg1 h5 44.Kf1 a5 45.Rc3 Ne4 46.Rc6+ Kf5 47.Rh6 Nxg3+ 48.Ke1 Kg4 49.Ra6 Rxa3* 0-1 (49) Perunovic, M (2373)-Grigoriants,S (2544) Zagreb 2023 *)* 12.Bg5 Nh5 13.g3 Rf3 14.Kg2 Ref8 15.Ng1 R3f7 16.Be3 Ne7 17.Nge2 c6 18.f4 exf4 19.Nxf4 Nxf4+ 20.gxf4 d5 21.Bxa7 Bxc3 22.bxc3 dxe4 23.dxe4 Rxf4 24.Rad1 Rxf1 Normal 1-0 (24) hhcuuid (2611)-Consent_to_treatment (2625) Blitz 2024]

9.Qg3

[9.a3 Kh7 10.h3 Ng8 11.Qg3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.f4 Qd7 14.fxe5 Nxe5 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]

9...Na5 10.Qh4 g5 11.Qg3 Nh5 12.Qe3 Nf4 13.Ng3 c6 14.Qf3 d5 15.Bb3 Re8 16.h3 Be6 17.Re1 Nxb3 18.axb3 d4 19.Nce2 Qd7 20.Nf1 Ng6 21.Qh5 Nh4 22.Kh2 c5 23.Bd2 f5 24.exf5 Qc6 25.f3 Bxf5 26.Nfg3 Bg6 27.Qg4 b6 28.Ne4 Bf5 29.Qh5 Bg6 30.Qg4 Bf5 31.Qh5 Rf8 32.N2g3 Bg6 33.Qg4 a5 34.Nf1 Rae8 35.Re2 Bf5 36.Qg3 Bd7 37.Kh1 Ng6 38.Nh2 Qc7 39.Qf2 Qd8 40.Ng3 Re6 41.Ng4 Kh7 42.Rae1 Bc8 43.Nh5 Bh8 44.Ng3 Qe7 45.Qf1 Bd7 46.Qf2 Bg7 47.Nh5 Bh8 48.Ng3 Qd8 49.Rg1 Rg8 50.Qe1 Rf8 51.Qf2 Bc6 52.Rge1 Bd5 53.Bc1 Qc7 54.Bd2 Qe7 55.Qf1 Qb7 56.Kh2 Qa8 57.Kg1 Bg7 58.Nh5 Bh8 59.Ng3 Qe8 60.Kh1 Nh4 61.Ne4 Qd8 62.Nh2 Ng6 63.Ng4 Bg7 64.Bc1 Bb7 65.Bd2 Bc6 66.Bc1 Bd5 67.Ng3 Rfe8 68.Nh5 Bh8 69.Ng3 Bg7 70.Nh5 Bh8 71.Ng3 Nf4 72.Bxf4 gxf4 73.Ne4 h5 74.Ngf2 Rg8 75.Nd2 Bf6 76.Nc4 Qc7 77.c3 Rg7 78.Ne4 Bh4 79.Rc1 Bd8 80.Qd1 Qd7 81.Qd2 Bc7 82.Qe1 Reg6 83.Ncd2 Bd8 84.Rc2 Rg8 85.Qf1 Qg7 86.Rc1 Bc6 87.Nc4 Bc7 88.cxd4 cxd4 89.Rec2 Bd8 90.Re2 Bc7 91.Ncd2 Bd8 92.Nc4 Bd5 93.Ned6 Qd7 94.Ne4 Qe7 95.Ned2 Bc7 96.Rce1 Rg5 97.Rc1 R5g6 98.Qe1 Rg5 99.Qf1 Qg7 100.Na3 Qd7 101.Nb5 Bd8 102.Na3 R8g7 103.Rc2 Qf5 104.Ne4 R5g6 105.Nc4 Be7 106.Ncd2 Bb4 107.Qc1 Qd7 108.h4 Be7 109.Rc7 Qf5 110.Qe1 Kh6 111.Rxe7 Rxe7 112.Ng5 Qf6 113.b4 a4 114.b5 Re8 115.Nde4 Qe7 116.Rc2 Qd7 117.Qb4 Qe7 118.Qe1 Bb3 119.Rc1 Qd7 120.Kg1 Kg7 121.Qb4 Kh8 122.Kh2 Qe7 123.Qe1 Bd5 124.Rc2 Bb3 125.Rc1 Qd7 126.Qb4 Kg7 127.Qe1 Kg8 128.Qd2 Qe7 129.Qe1 Qd7 130.Nf2 Bd5 131.Qb4 Ra8 132.Qe1 Re8 133.Qb4 Bb3 134.Qe1 Kh8 135.Qe4 Kg7 136.Qe1 Re7 137.Qb4 Qd6 138.Qe1 Qd8 139.Nfe4 Bd5 140.Rc2 Qe8 141.Qb4 Ra7 142.Qe1 Re7 143.Qb4 Ra7 144.Qe1 Bb3 145.Rc6 Rxc6 146.bxc6 Qe7 147.Nd2 Bd5 148.Nc4 Bxc4 149.dxc4 Qd6 150.Qe4 Kf6 151.Nh7+ Ke7 152.Qf5 Kd8

153.Qg5+ Kc8 154.Nf6 Qxc6 155.Qxe5 Qxc4 156.Nd5 Kb7 157.Qe6 Qc6 158.Qe4 Ka8 159.Nxb6+ Kb7 160.Nd5 Qc5 161.Nb4+ Kb6 162.Qg6+ Kb5 163.Nd3 Qd5 164.Qe8+ Kc4 165.Qe2 a3 166.Nxf4+ d3 167.b3+ Kb5 168.Nxd3 Qd4 169.Qe8+ Kb6 170.Qe6+ Kc7 171.Ne5 Qxh4+ 172.Kg1 Qd4+ 173.Kh2 Qd6 174.Qf7+ Kb6 175.Qf4 Qc5 176.Nc4+ Kc6 177.b4 Qxb4 178.Qe4+ Kc5 179.Qe3+ Kxc4 180.Qxa7 Qd6+ 181.Kh3 h4 182.f4 Qc5 183.Qa4+ Qb4 184.Qa6+ Kb3 185.Kxh4 Qxf4+ 186.g4 a2 187.Qe6+ Kb2 188.Qe2+ Ka1 189.Qb5 Qxg4+ 190.Kxg4 ½-½ (190) Hoon_Bot (2851)-Intron014 (3014) Rapid 2024

6.Nbc3 0-0

[6...Na5 7.d3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 h6 *(8...d6 9.Qd3 Be6 10.b3 Qe7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Nbc3 0-0-0 16.Kb1 Kb8 17.Ng3 c6 18.Nf1 f5 19.f3 f4 20.Qe2 g5 21.h3 h5 22.Nh2 Rd7 23.a4 Bf6 24.Rd3 Qf8 25.Rhd1 Bd8 26.c5 Bc7 27.Nf1 Rhh7 28.cxd6 Bxd6 29.Nd2 Bc5 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Nc4 Bd4 32.Na2 Qd8 33.a5 Bc5 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.b4 Qd4 36.bxc5 Bxc4 37.Qe1 Bxa2+ 38.Kxa2 Qc4+ 39.Kb2 Qxc5 40.Qd2 Kc7 41.c3 Qxa5 42.Qd3 Qb5+ 43.Kc2 Qxd3+ 44.Kxd3 b5* Normal 0-1 (44) hhcuuid (2650)-Surreptitiously421 (2681) Blitz 2024*)* 9.h3 d6 10.g4

A) 10...Be6 11.b3 Nd7 0.04/23 would transpose to the game. *(11...a6* -0.38/22 intending ...b7-b5 is often a good idea to open some files on the queenside. intending ...b7-b5 is often a good idea to open some files on the queenside. MH: '∓' MH: 'deserves consideration.' *)*

A1) 12.Be3 a6 13.Ng3 Qh4 *(13...c6)* 14.Nf5!? gxf5 15.gxf5 0-0-0 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.0-0-0 Rdf8 18.Qg4 Abarca Gonzalez, N (2413)-Vlachos,A (2431) Chess.com INT 2021, 1-0 (68), when Qe7 should be a little better for Black because of his pressure on the f-file.;

A2) 12.Ng3 Qe7 13.h4 c6 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.Qe2 Kb8 16.f3 Bf6 17.h5 Bh4 18.Bf2 Bxg3?! *(18...Bg5!)* 19.Bxg3 g5 20.0-0-0 with some advantage, Nakamura,H (2745)-Ongut,T (2242) Chess.com INT 2019, 1-0 (74), although he could just as easily castled kingside here, too.;

A3) 12.h4!? A new move, and quite reasonable, although I think White should prefer to develop his pieces before playing this myself. 12...Nf6!? *(12...h5!? 13.gxh5 Rxh5 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Ng3 Rh8* is fine for Black, but then this makes me wonder if ...h7-h6 is not just a waste of a move. *)* 13.g5 Nh5!? 0.47/21 This obviously stops White from further advancing his h-pawn, but the knight is a bit offside here. *(13...Nd7* -0.24/22 MH: '=!' *14.Be3 h5* closes the kingside and would allow Black to castle short with confidence.*)* 14.Be3 MH: '±' hxg5 15.hxg5 Qd7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0

A3a) 17.Rdg1 and I prefer White.;

A3b) 17.Bxa7± 0.51/22 MH Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 *(18...Bg4*

19.Qd3±) 19.Bd4 Rxh1 *(19...Bg4 20.Qg2=)* 20.Qxh1;

A3c) 17.Qg2?! 0.00/22 This move allows the black knight to come back into play. 17...Nf4! MH: '=' 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.f3?! -1.02/24 *(19.Nd5* 0.00/22 MH: '=' MH: 'keeps the balance.' *Bxd5 20.cxd5 Be5 21.Qf3* is equal.*; 19.Nxf4?? Bxc3)* 19...Qe7 0.00/21 *(*MH: 'Better is' *19...Qc6!* -1.02/24 activates the queen and plans ...Qc5 and then ...Qe5, with advantage. activates the queen and plans ...Qc5 and then ...Qe5, with advantage. MH: ' ∓!*)* 20.Kb2?! -1.16/20 An ugly move, voluntarily walking into a pin. *(20.Nd5* 0.00/21 MH: '=' MH: 'remains equal.' *Bxd5 21.cxd5* is level. *)*

A3c1) MH: 'Black should play' 20...Be5! -1.16/20 protects f4, protects f4, MH: '∓' 21.Nc1 *(21.Rdg1* MH *Rxh1 22.Rxh1 f6)* 21...f6 22.gxf6 Qxf6 23.Qd2 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 g5 the black bishops dominate the board.;

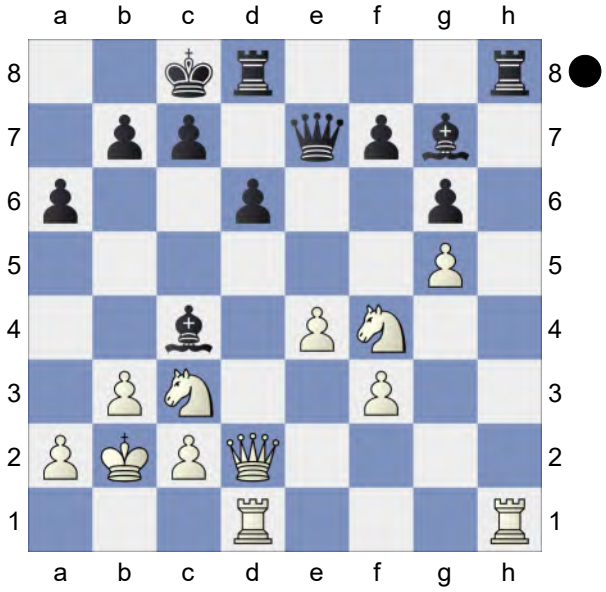
A3c2) 20...a6 -0.48/26 MH: 'Black is more active.' 21.Nxf4 MH: '∓'

A3c21) 21...Rxh1 MH: '!?' 22.Rxh1 Bxc4! is slightly more accurate. *(22...f5∓* MH *)*;

A3c22) 21...Bxc4

A3c221) 22.bxc4 -0.49/22 MH: '∓' Bxc3+ 23.Kb3! *(23.Kxc3 Qe5+* forks the king and knight. *24.Kb3* MH *Qxf4∓)* 23...Bg7 24.Nd5;

A3c222) 22.Qd2? -1.88/25 MH: '



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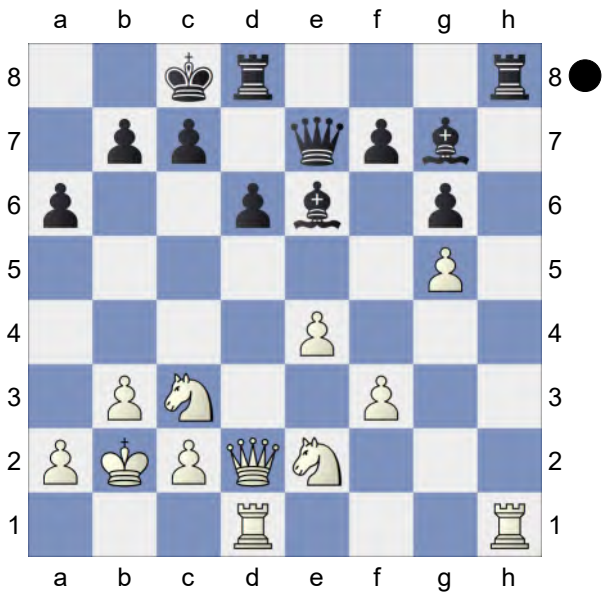
A3c2221) 22...Rxh1! -1.88/25 MH: '-+!' 23.Rxh1 Qxg5! 24.bxc4 Be5 wins the f4-knight. *(24...Bxc3+?* MH *25.Kxc3 Qf6+ 26.Kb3+-)*;

A3c2222) 22...Be6 -1.18/25 MH: 'A strong pair of Bishops.' 23.Nfe2 -2.45/21 MH: ' *(23.Nd3* -1.18/25 MH: ' ∓' MH: 'keeps fighting.' *d5)*

(Diagram)

' 23...Rxh1 MH: '-+!' 24.Rxh1 d5!



MH: '...d4 would now be deadly.' 25.exd5 -3.91/22 *(25.Rh7* -2.16/19 MH *dxe4* Discovered Attack *26.Qe3 Bxc3+ 27.Nxc3)* 25...Bxd5 MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.26 (precise) . Mistake: White = 7 Black = 6 Inaccurate: White=1 --- OK: White=5 Black=5 Best: --- Black=2 Strong: --- Black=1' 0-1 (25) Liang,A (2613)-Nihal, S (2648) chess.com INT 2022 [Kosten, Tony];

B) 10...Nd7 11.Be3 c6 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.h4 Nf8 14.g5 h5 15.Qg3 Be6 16.c5 dxc5 17.f4 Bg4 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Qf2 Ne6 20.Rdf1 Rf8 21.Rd1 b6 22.Rhf1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Nf4 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Qd6 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Qd2 Ke7 28.Qd3 Rd8 29.Qa6 Bh3 30.Rf6 Qg3 31.b3 Qxc3 32.Qxa7+ Rd7 0-1 (32) deboitoss (2655)-estocastico (2748) Blitz 2024]

[6...d6 MH 7.h3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.a3 0-0 10.d3 d5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd6 Rare Nd Moves-Qh5]

7.d3

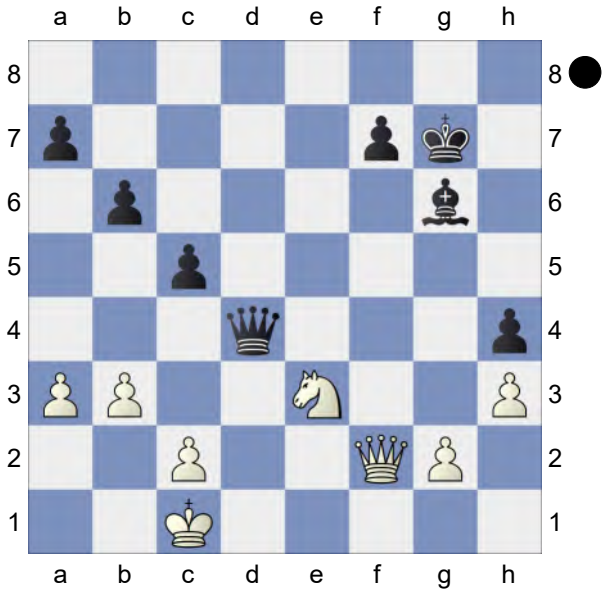
[7.a3 d6 8.d3 The position is equal. Be6 *(8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Bb3 d5 13.exd5 Re8+ 14.Kf1 cxd5 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 Bxb3 19.cxb3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Kf7 21.f4 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Rc8 23.Ke2 Rc2+ 24.Kf3 f5 25.h3 Bf8 26.g4 Be7 27.b4 b5 28.g5 Bd6 29.h4 Kg7 30.Re1 Kf7 31.Rh1 a6 32.Kg3 Bf8 33.Kf3 h5 34.gxh6 Bxh6 35.h5 gxh5 36.Rxh5 Kg6 37.Rh1 Bf8 38.Rg1+ Kf6 39.Rh1 Bd6 40.Rg1 Ke6 41.Rh1 Kd5 42.Rg1 Bc7 43.Rh1 a5 44.bxa5 Bxa5 45.b4 Bb6 46.Rd1 Bd8 47.Rg1 Bh4 48.Rf1 Kd6 49.a4 bxa4 50.b5 Ra2 51.b6 Kc6* 0-1 (51) hhcuuid (2600)-DarkAlekhine (2717) Blitz 2024 *)*

A) 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Bg4 0.19/19 *(10...Kh7∓* -0.33/22 *)* 11.Qg3= Qd7 12.f3 Be6 13.0-0-0 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 And now Ndb5 would win. Bc4 This pair of bishops is nice. 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Bd4 Rfe8 20.Rd2 Rad8 21.Rhd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4

A1) 23...Qb6= 0.21/23

was preferrable. 24.Qf2 *(24.Rxc4 Qg1+ 25.Nd1 Rd8∓)* 24...Re1+ 25.Kd2 Re5;

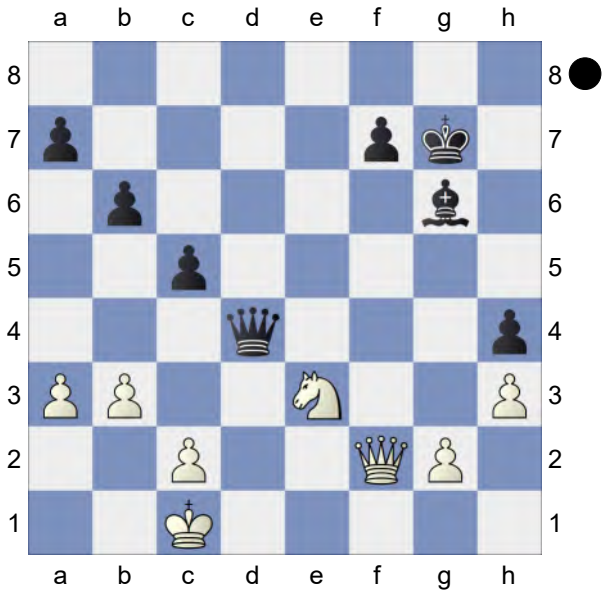
A2) 23...Be6 0.57/22 24.Re4 0.00/24 *(*Better is *24.Qf4!±* 0.57/22 *)* 24...Bf5 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 Endgame. KQB-KQN 26.Qf2 Prevents Qe3+ Qe5 27.h3 b6 28.Qd2 g5 29.b3 Kg7 30.Kb1 Bg6 31.Nd5 h5 *(31...c6* simplifies *32.Nc3 Kh7 33.Kb2 h5)* 32.f4 gxf4 33.Nxf4 h4 34.Nd5 c5 ...Qd4 is the strong threat. 35.Ne3 Qd4 36.Qe1 Qe4 37.Qf2 Qd4 38.Kc1 -0.96/25 *(38.g3=* -0.08/27 keeps the balance. *)*



38...Qa1+ -0.34/5 39.Kd2∓ Qd4+ 40.Kc1 -1.25/23 *(40.Ke1=* -0.26/27 remains equal. *)*

(Diagram)

A2a) 40...Qf6!∓ -1.25/23 41.Qe1 *(41.Qf3 Qa1+ 42.Kd2 Qxa3 43.Nf5+ Bxf5 44.Qxf5 Qa5+ 45.Ke2 Qb5+ 46.Kd1 Qc6)* 41...Qa1+



42.Kd2 Qxe1+ *(42...Qxa3 43.Qxh4 Qa5+ 44.Ke2=)* 43.Kxe1 Kf6;

A2b) 40...Qa1+ -0.31/5 41.Kd2 Qd4+ 42.Ke2 Bh5+ 43.Ke1! Strongly threatening Nf5+. Qa1+ 44.Kd2 Qd4+ Black has an edge. 45.Kc1 aiming for Nf5+. Qa1+ 46.Kd2

A2b1) Much worse is 46...Qxa3?!

A2b11) 47.Qxh4 Qa5+ 48.Kd3 *(48.Kc1 Qa1+ 49.Kd2 Qe5=)* 48...Bg6+ 49.Ke2 Qc3=;

A2b12) 47.Nf5+ Kg8

A2b121) 48.Qxh4 Qa5+ 49.Kc1 Qa1+ 50.Kd2 Qa5+ 51.Kd3 *(51.b4 Qxb4+ 52.Qxb4 cxb4=)* 51...c4+ 52.Ke4 Bg6=;

A2b122) 48.Nxh4=;

A2b2) 46...Qd4+ ½-½ (46) Savchenko,B (2567)-Demchenko,A (2592) Olongapo City PHI

2015 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise) . Mistake: White=3 Black=4 Inaccurate: White=3 Black=1 OK: White=13 Black=18 Best: White=3 --- Strong: White=1 ---;

B) 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qh3 Qe7 11.0-0 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 e5 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Qh4 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.dxe4 c5 20.b3 b5 21.a4 a6 22.axb5 axb5 23.c4 b4 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Rb1 Bg5 26.Kf1 Bd2 27.Ng1 Bc3 28.Nf3 d3 29.h4 Kf7 30.Rd1 Ra3 31.Rb1 h6 32.g3 Ke6 33.Nh2 Ra2 34.Nf3 Re2 35.Rd1 Rb2 36.Rxd3 Rxb3 37.Rd5 Bd4 38.Nxd4+ cxd4 39.Rb5 d3 40.Ke1 Rb2 41.Rb6+ Kd7 42.c5 b3 43.Rd6+ Kc7 44.Rxd3 Kc6 45.Rd8 Kxc5 46.Rc8+ Kd4 47.Rb8 Kxe4 48.Rb6 Kd3 49.Kf1 Rb1+ 50.Kg2 b2 51.g4 Ke4 52.Rb7 Kf4 53.Rb4+ e4 54.f3 Ke5 55.Rxe4+ Kf6 56.Rb4 Rc1 57.Rb6+ Rc6 58.Rxc6+ Ke5 59.Rb6 Kd5 60.Rxb2 Kd4 61.Rf2 Kc5 62.h5 Kd5 0-1 (62) hhcuuid (2652)-nickVet (2688) Blitz 2024]

7...h6

[7...Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 c6 11.Bb3

A) 11...d5 12.exd5 cxd5 *(12...Re8+ 13.Kf1 cxd5 14.h3 Be6 15.a4 Rc8 16.a5 a6 17.g4 Rc6 18.Kg2 Qc8 19.Bf4 Rxc2 20.Bxc2 Qxc2 21.Rhc1 Qb3 22.Rc7 Qb5 23.Rac1 Qxa5 24.Rxb7 Qa2 25.Rcc7 Qb1 26.Bd2 Kh8 27.Rxf7 Bxf7 28.Qxf7 Rg8 29.Bh6* 1-0 (29) BulletCoach (2630)-Lucky5555 (2537) Blitz 2024 *)* 13.0-0 Be6 14.a4 a5 15.h3 Rc8 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Bf4 Rfe8 18.Be5 h5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qf4 Qc7 21.Qxd4+ Kg8 22.Re5 Qc5 23.Qxc5 Rxc5 24.Rae1 b5 25.axb5 Rxb5 26.Ba4 1-0 (26) BulletCoach (2685)-cedchass25 (2571) Blitz 2024;

B) 11...a5 12.a4 d6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bc4 Bxc4 15.dxc4 Qe7 16.Bf4 Rae8 17.Rae1 Qe6 18.b3 f5 19.Qg3 fxe4 20.Bxd6 Rf5 21.Bc7 Re7 22.Qd6 h5 23.f3 e3 24.Qxe6+ Rxe6 25.Re2 Bf8 26.Bb6 Bc5 27.Bxa5 g5 28.Rd1 g4 29.fxg4 hxg4 30.b4 Ba7 31.c5 Re4 32.Bc7 Rd5 33.a5 Kf7 34.Rd3 Ke6 35.Bg3 Rd7 36.h3 gxh3 37.gxh3 Kd5 38.c3 Kc4 39.Rxd4+ Rdxd4 40.cxd4 Kd3 41.Re1 e2 42.Kf2 Rxd4 43.Rxe2 Rxb4 44.Re3+ Kd4 45.Kf3 Bxc5 46.Bf2 Kd5 47.Rd3+ Kc4 48.Bxc5 Kxc5 49.Rd7 Rb3+ 50.Kg4 Rb5 51.h4 Kb4 52.h5 Kxa5 53.h6 Rb4+ 54.Kg5 Rb1 55.h7 Rg1+ 56.Kh6 Rh1+ 57.Kg7 b5 58.h8Q Rxh8 59.Kxh8 c5 60.Kg7 Kb4 61.Kf6 c4 62.Ke5 Kb3 63.Kd4 b4 64.Rc7 c3 65.Kd3 Kb2 66.Rc4 Kb3 67.Rc5 Ka3 68.Rc4 Ka4 69.Rc5 Kb3 0-1 (69) hhcuuid (2596)-Appredek (2792) Blitz 2024]

[7...Na5 8.h4 *(8.Bb3 c6 9.Bg5 d6 10.h3 b5 11.0-0-0 Nxb3+ 12.axb3 a5 13.d4 Qe7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qe3 Be6 16.Kb1 a4 17.bxa4 b4 18.Na2 Bxa2+ 19.Kxa2 Rxa4+ 20.Kb1 Rfa8*

21.Kc1 b3 22.cxb3 Ra2 23.Nc3 R2a6 24.Kc2 Qb4 25.f3 Nh5 26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Bxd8 Nf4 28.Rd1 Nxg2 29.Qe2 Ra8 30.Qxg2 Bh6 31.Bg5 Rb8 32.Bxh6 Qxb3+ 33.Kc1 Ra8 34.Qc2 Qe6 35.Qd2 f6 36.Qd7 Qxd7 37.Rxd7 Ra1+ 38.Kc2 Rh1 39.Rg7+ Kf8 40.Rxh7+ Ke8 41.Be3 Rh2+ 42.Kb3 g5 43.Rc7 Rxh3 44.Rxc6 Rxf3 45.Nd5 g4 46.Rxf6 Rh3 47.Rg6 g3 48.Rg5 Kf7 49.Rxe5 g2 50.Rf5+ Ke6 51.Rg5 Rh1 52.Rxg2 Ke5 0-1 (52) Paavo87 (2562)-INDIAN-ELEPHANT (2584) Blitz 2024*)* 8...c6 9.Bg5 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Nd1 Nxb3 12.axb3 d5 13.Ne3 d4 14.Nc4 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.h5 g5 17.Ng3 Be6 18.Nf5 Kh7 19.0-0 Bg7 20.Ra6 Bd7 21.Rfa1 Qb8 22.Nb6 axb6 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Nd6 f6 26.Nf5 Ra1+ 27.Kh2 Rb1 28.Qe2 Rxb2 29.Qe1 Ra2 30.Qxb4 Rxc2 31.Nxg7 Rxf2 32.Qe7 Normal 1-0 (32) hhcuuid (2667)-gmmitkov (2610) Blitz 2024]

[7...Nb4 8.Bb3 d5 9.a3 *(9.exd5 Bg4 10.Qg3 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nfxd5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Qf3 Nb6 14.c3 Qd7 15.h4 Rad8 16.Bg5 Ne7 17.h5 c6 18.h6 Bh8 19.d4 exd4 20.Nxd4 c5 21.Ne2 c4 22.Rad1 Qc7 23.Bc2 f6 24.Bf4 Qc8 25.Be4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Bxb7 g5 29.Bg3 f5 30.Qh5 Ng6 31.f4 Bf6 32.fxg5 Bxg5 33.Nd4 Be3+ 34.Bf2 Bxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Qc7 36.Bf3 Qf4 37.Qxf5 Qd2+ 38.Be2 Qxh6 39.Bxc4+ Nxc4 40.Qd5+ Kf8 41.Qxc4 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qc1+ 43.Qf1+ Qxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Ke7 45.Nc6+ Kd6 46.Nxa7 Kc5 47.a4 Ne7 48.Ke2 Kb6 49.Nb5 Ka5 50.b3 h5 51.Kf3 Ng6 52.Ke4 Nh4 53.g3 Ng2 54.Nd4 Ne1 55.Ke3 Kb6 56.Ke2 Ng2 57.Kf2* 1-0 (57) Pranav,V (2632)-Aradhya,G (2418) chess.com INT 2024 *)* 9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Nc6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Rd1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Be5 16.0-0 Qh4 17.g3 Bg4 18.Qd3 Qh5 19.f3 Bh3 20.Rfe1 c5 21.f4 Bg7 22.e5 Kh7 23.Qb5 Qf3 24.Qe2 Bg4 25.Qxf3 Bxf3 26.Rd3 Bg4 27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.exf6 Rae8 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Bxf7 Re2 31.Bb3 Be6 32.Kf1 Re4 33.Bxe6 Rxe6 34.c3 Rxf6 35.cxd4 Rd6 36.d5 c4 37.Rd4 b6 38.Rxc4 1-0 (38) BulletCoach (2665)-hajeko (2565) Blitz 2024]

8.g4

[8.h3 Na5 9.Bb3 c6 10.g4 Nxb3 11.axb3 d5 12.g5 dxe4 13.dxe4 Nh5 14.gxh6 Bf6 15.Rg1 Kh7 16.Be3 b6 17.Rd1 Qe7 18.Ng3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Bxh3 21.Nge2 Rad8 22.Rd3 Be6 23.e5 Bh8 24.Ne4 f6 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 26.exf6 Bxf6 27.Qg3 Bf5 28.Nd6 Bxc2 29.f3 Bh4 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.fxe4 Rf3 32.Qxh4 Qxh4+ 33.Kd2 Qxe4 34.Rg4 Qxg4 35.Kc2 Rf2 36.Kb1 Qxe2 37.Ka2 Qxb2# 0-1 (37) JeremyDuran (2364)-shukh_nikolay (2603) Blitz 2024]

8...d5

[8...Nh7 9.h4 Na5 10.Be3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 d6 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.b3 a6 14.Ng3 b5 15.Rdg1 bxc4 16.Nf5 cxb3 17.axb3 c5 18.Nxh6+ Bxh6 19.Bxh6 Qa5 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.g5 c4 22.bxc4 Bxc4 23.h5 Rc8 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Rxh7 Bb3 26.Qf6 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qxc3+ 28.Ke2 Bc4+ 29.Kd1 Qa1+ 30.Kd2 Qd4+ 31.Kc1 Qa1+ 32.Kd2 Qd4+ 33.Kc1 Qa1+ 34.Kd2 ½-½ (34) BulletCoach (2675)-

Malek_Koniahli (2570) Blitz 2024]
[8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Bb3 d6 13.h4 Be6 14.Bd2 a5 15.Qh3 Qd7 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.f4 b5 18.Rg1 c5 19.f5 Qf7 20.Ke2 Kh8 21.Raf1 c4 22.fxg6 Qxg6 23.h5 Qe8 24.g5 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Be5 27.Bf6+ Bxf6 28.Rxf6 Ra7 29.Rxe6 Qf7 30.Rh6+ Kg7 31.Rg6+ Kh7 32.Qg3 Re7 33.Qg5 Re5 34.Qh6# 1-0 (34) Pranav,V (2632)-Leyva Proenza,R (2333) chess.com INT 2024]

9.Nxd5 Nxg4
[9...Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Nd4 *(10...Ne7 11.Bb3 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Ba2 b5 14.h4 c5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Be6 19.Rd1 Qd7 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.h5 c4 22.Bc5 Rfc8 23.Bb4 cxd3 24.cxd3 Rc2 25.Bc3 b4 26.Bxb4 Rxb2 27.0-0 Rb3 28.Rd2 Rd8 29.Rfd1 Bf6 30.hxg6 fxg6 31.Kg2 Bg5 32.Rc2 Qa6 33.Rc3 Qe6 34.Rxb3 Qxb3 35.d4 Qxf3+ 36.Kxf3 exd4 37.Ke2 Kf7 38.Bd2 Bxd2 39.Rxd2 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.f4 Kg6 42.Kd3 h4 43.Rg2+ Kh5 44.f5 h3 45.Rg7 Rh8 46.Rg1 Kh4 47.f6 h2 48.Rh1 Kg3 49.e5 Rf8 50.Kxd4 Kg2 51.Rxh2+ Kxh2 52.Kd5 Kg3 53.Ke6 Kf4 54.Ke7 Ra8 55.e6 Ke5 56.f7 Rb8 57.Kd7 Kf6 58.Kc7 Rh8 59.Kd7 Ra8 60.f8Q+ Rxf8 61.e7 Ra8 62.e8Q Rxe8 63.Kxe8 Ke5 64.Kd7 Kd4 65.Ke6 Kc3 66.Kd5 Kb3 67.Kd4 Kxa3 68.Kc3 Ka2 69.Kc2 Ka3 70.Kb1 Kb4 71.Ka1 Ka5 72.Kb1 Kb5 73.Ka1 Kb4 74.Kb1 Kb3 75.Ka1 Ka3 76.Kb1 Kb3 77.Ka1 Kb4 78.Kb1 Kc5 79.Ka1 Kb5 80.Kb1 Ka5 81.Ka1 Kb4* ½-½ (81) BulletCoach (2628)-boppintothebeat (2537) Blitz 2024*)* 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bd2 c6 13.Bb3 a5 14.a4 Qh4 15.h3 Kh7 16.0-0-0 b5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.e5 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qg3 Qe7 21.f4 Rfc8 22.f5 Qc5 23.fxg6+ Kg8 24.c3 dxc3 25.bxc3 Qa3+ 26.Kc2 Qa2+ 27.Kc1 b4 28.Qf3 b3 29.Bxh6 Rxc3# Normal 0-1 (29) BulletCoach (2640)-povadingo (2593) Blitz 2024]

10.Rg1
[10.Qg2 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Rg1 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.Nf4 Bxc4 15.Qxg4 Ba6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Qxg6 Qf6 18.Bxh6 Qxg6 19.Rxg6 Rf7 20.Ke2 Kh7 21.Rxg7+ Rxg7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rg1+ Kf7 24.Rg5 b6 25.Rd5 Ke7 26.Rxd4 Rh8 27.b4 axb4 28.Rxb4 Rxh2 29.c4 Kd6 30.Ke3 Kc5 31.Rb1 Rh3+ 32.f3 Bc8 33.Rb5+ Kd6 34.a5 bxa5 35.Rxa5 Bg4 36.Kd4 Rxf3 37.Rg5 Be6 38.c5+ Ke7 39.Rh5 Rf1 40.Rh6 Bf7 41.Ke5 Rc1 42.d4 Rc4 43.Rh7 Rc1 44.Rg7 Rc2 45.Rh7 Rc1 46.Rg7 Rh1 47.Rg5 Rh5 48.Rxh5 Bxh5 49.d5 Kd7 50.Kd4 Bf3 51.e5 Bg2 52.e6+ Ke7 53.Ke5 Bh3 54.d6+ cxd6+ 55.cxd6+ Kd8 56.Kf6 Bf1 57.Ke5 Bh3 58.Kd5 Bxe6+ 59.Kxe6 Ke8 60.Kd5 Kd7 61.Kc5 Kd8 62.Kc6 Kc8 63.Kd5 Kd7 64.Ke5 Kd8 65.Ke6 Ke8 66.d7+ Kd8 67.Kd6 ½-½ (67) BulletCoach (2620)-temojolacanal69 (2470) Blitz 2024]

10...Nxh2 11.Qh1 Ng4 12.f3 Nf6 13.Rxg6 Nxd5 14.Rxg7+ Kxg7 15.Qxh6+ Kg8 16.Bxd5 Qd6 17.Qg5+ Kh7 18.Qh5+ Kg7 19.Be3 Qg6 20.Qxg6+ fxg6 21.f4 Bh3 22.Kd2 Bg4 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.fxe5 Bxe2 25.Kxe2 Rh8 26.Kd2 Rh2+ 27.Kc3 Rg2 28.Rf1

Re8 29.Bd4 Re6 30.b4 a6 31.a4 g5 32.Rf5 g4 33.Kb3 g3 34.c4 Kg6 35.Rf8 Kg5 36.a5 Kg4 37.Rg8+ Kf3 38.Rf8+ Ke2 39.Rf6 Rxf6 40.exf6 Rf2 41.e5 Rf3 42.Ka4 g2 43.f7 Rxf7 44.e6 Re7 0-1 (44) BulletCoach (2695)-GBHeraklinosK (2684) Blitz 2024

6.h3 0-0 7.d3 Na5 8.Nbc3 c6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 d6 11.Bb3 b5 12.0-0 Nxb3 13.axb3 b4 14.Na4 c5 15.Nb6 Qxb6 16.Bxf6 Be6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qg3 g5 19.f4 f6 20.fxg5 fxg5 21.h4 g4 22.Qe3 Qc7 23.Ng3 Qe7 24.c3 bxc3 25.bxc3 Qxh4 26.b4 Rxf1+ 27.Nxf1 cxb4 28.Rxa7+ Rxa7 29.Qxa7+ Kg6 30.cxb4 Qf6 31.b5 d5 32.b6 dxe4 33.b7 Normal 1-0 (33) timquaker (2717)-kartoGM (2645) Blitz 2024

6.c3?! 0-0 7.h3

[7.d3 Na5 8.Bb5 d5 9.h3 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bc2 Bb7 12.Ng3 c5 13.0-0 c4 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qe2 h5 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.f4 exf4 20.Rxf4 Rfe8 21.Qf1 f5 22.dxc4 Nxc4 23.Bb3 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Qxe4 25.Na3 Qe3+ 26.Qf2 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Bd5 28.Rd1 Bf7 29.Rd7 Rf8 30.g3 Nxa3 31.bxa3 Bxb3 32.axb3 Bxc3 33.Rd6 Rf6 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Rd7+ Rf7 36.Rd6 a5 37.Rb6 b4 38.a4 Bd4+ 39.Kf1 Bxb6 40.Ke2 f4 41.Kf3 fxg3+ 42.Kxg3 g5 43.h4 gxh4+ 44.Kxh4 Kg6 45.Kh3 Kg5 46.Kh2 Kg4 47.Kh1 Bg1 48.Kxg1 Kg3 49.Kh1 Rf1# Normal 0-1 (49) trinkgenugwasser (2427)-runner24 (2582) Rapid 2024]

7...d5! 8.exd5 e4 is close to winning.

[47] **6...0-0** 7.Bg5

[7.a3 d5 8.Bxd5 Bg4 9.Qe3 Nxd5 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.0-0 Rfe8 12.Nbc3 Qd7 13.Ne4 b6 14.h3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nd4 16.Qd1 f5 17.Nc3 Rad8 18.Be3 Ne6 19.Bd2 Rf8 20.f3 c5 21.Kh1 Rfe8 22.Qe1 c4 23.Rd1 Nd4 24.dxc4 Nxc2 25.Qf2 Nd4 26.Nd5 Qc6 27.Bg5 Rd6 28.Ne7+ Rxe7 29.Bxe7 Rd7 30.Bb4 Qxc4 31.Rc1 Qd5 32.Rc8+ Kf7 33.Rfc1 Ne6 34.Qh4 h5 35.Qe1 Bh6 36.Rb1 Nd4 37.Bc3 Nxf3 38.Qe2 Ng5 39.Qxe5 Qxe5 40.Bxe5 Ne4 41.Rc7 Rxc7 42.Bxc7 Be3 43.Bb8 a5 44.Re1 Bd4 45.b3 Ke6 46.Kh2 Kd5 47.Rd1 Nf2 48.Rd2 Ne4 49.Rd1 Nf2 50.Rc1 Nd3 51.Rc8 Nc5 52.Rd8+ Ke4 53.b4 axb4 54.axb4 Ne6 55.Re8 Kd5 56.Rg8 g5 57.Rg6 g4 58.h4 f4 59.Rxe6 Kxe6 60.Bxf4 1-0 (60) hhcuuid (2589)-TalHipoSacrifice (2521) Blitz 2024]

7...h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.Nbc3 g5 10.Bg3 Be6 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qe3 Ng4 14.Qd2 Nxf2 15.Bxf2 Rxf2 16.Rdf1 Qf6 17.Rxf2 Qxf2 18.Ng3 Rf8 19.Nd1 Qxd2+ 20.Kxd2 Kh7 21.c3 Kg6 22.Ne3 h5 23.Rf1 Rxf1 24.Ngxf1 g4 25.h4 Bh6 26.g3 d5 27.Kc2 Ne7 28.c4 c6 29.b4 b5 30.Nd1 Kf7 31.Kb3 Ke8 32.a4 bxc4+ 33.dxc4 dxe4 34.b5 cxb5 35.cxb5 axb5 36.axb5 Kd7 37.Kc4 Kd6 38.Nc3 e3 39.Ne4+ Kc7 40.Kd3 Nf5 41.Nf6 Kb6 42.Nd7+ Kxb5 43.Nxe5 Kc5 44.Nd7+ Kd6 45.Nf6 e5 46.Ne4+ Kd5 47.Nf6+ Ke6 48.Ne4 Nd4 49.Nc3 Kf5 50.Nxe3+ Bxe3 51.Kxe3 Nf3 52.Ne4 Nh2 53.Nd6+ Ke6 54.Ne8 Nf1+ 55.Kf2 Nh2 56.Ng7+ Kd5 57.Nxh5 Kd4 58.Nf6 Kd3 59.Nxg4 e4 60.Ne3 Nf3 61.h5 Nd2 62.h6 Nc4 63.h7 1-0 (63) deboitoss (2658)-DmitryAkimov (2526) Blitz 2024

6...Nb4 7.Bb3 d5 8.Nbc3 d4 9.a3

Nxc2+ 10.Bxc2 dxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.h3 c5 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rd1 b6 15.a4 Bb7 16.a5 Rfd8 17.Bb3 b5 18.a6 Bc6 19.Ba3 Rac8 20.Ng3 b4 21.cxb4 cxb4 22.Bb2 Qe7 23.Ra5 Nd7 24.Qe3 Nf8 25.Rc1 Ba8 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.d4 exd4 28.Bxd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Qc7 31.Re5 h5 32.Re8 h4 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qxa8 hxg3+ 36.fxg3 Rc3 37.Qd5 Rxg3 38.Qxf7+ Kd6 39.Qxc7+ Kxc7 40.Kxg3 Kd6 41.Kg4 Ke5 42.Kg5 Kd4 43.Kxg6 Kc3 44.h4 Kxb3 45.h5 Kc3 46.h6 b3 47.h7 b2 48.h8Q+ Kc2 49.Qxb2+ Kxb2 50.e5 Kb3 51.e6 Ka4 52.e7 Ka5 53.e8Q Kxa6 54.Qb8 Ka5 55.Qxa7+ 1-0 (55) Kot_Shipova (2424)-Tronic2000 (2537) Blitz 2024

[48] **7...h6** 8.Bd2 Na5 9.0-0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 c6 12.Kb1 Qe7 13.h4 0-0-0 14.Bc1 b6 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Qe3 Kb7 17.f3 h5 18.Rd3 Rd7 19.Rhd1 Rhd8 20.Nd5 cxd5 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bf5 23.Rc3 Qb8 24.Ng3 Rc7 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Rxc7+ Qxc7 27.Qg5 Bh8 28.Qxf5 e4 29.Bb2 Rc8 30.c4 1-0 (30) hhcuuid (2614)-evg85 (2751) Blitz 2024

7...Nb4 8.Bb3 Bg4 9.Qg3 Be6 Kosten,Tony: 'should be answered by' 10.a3 Bxb3 Kosten,Tony: 'MH' 11.axb4 Bxc2 12.Ra3 a5 13.bxa5 b5 14.axb6 c6 29. Centre Game-Scholar'S Mate Attempt

7...Be6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.c3 Na5 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c6 14.Ne3 Bxb3 15.c4 Qb6 16.0-0 0-0 17.Nc3 a5 18.Ra3 a4 19.Rfa1 Qd4 20.Qe2 f5 21.Nc2 Bxc2 22.Qxc2 fxe4 23.Nxe4 b5 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Qc6 d5 26.Nd6 Qxf2+ 0-1 (26) BulletCoach (2559)-Bala77 (2463) Blitz 2024

[49] **8.Bg5** h6

[8...Be6

A) 9.0-0-0 h6 10.Be3 Qd7 11.h3 a6 *(11...Nh7 12.g4 Kh8 13.Nd5 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.Qh5 f4 16.Bd2 a6 17.Rhg1 b5 18.Bb3 a5 19.a4 Nb4 20.Bxb4 axb4 21.axb5 Ra5 22.Rg6 Bf7 23.Rdg1 Bxg6 24.Qxg6 Ra1+ 25.Kd2 Rxg1 26.Nxg1 Ng5 27.h4 Ne6 28.Qg4 Qe8 29.Nf3 Rg8 30.Qf5 Rf8 31.Qh3 Nc5 32.Bc4 Qd8 33.Ng5 b3 34.cxb3 f3 35.b4 Nd7 36.Ne6 Qe8 37.Ndxc7 Qe7 38.Nd5 Qe8 39.Nxf8 Nxf8 40.b6 Nd7 41.Qxf3 h5 42.b7 Bh6+ 43.Kc2 Qb8 44.Qxh5 Kg7 45.Qg4+ Kf8 46.Qxd7 Bd2 47.Qc8+ Kf7 48.Qxb8 Bxb4 49.Qc7+ Ke6 50.b8Q* Time forfeit 1-0 (50) BulletCoach (2608)-kahvitauko (2434) Blitz 2024*)* 12.g4 b5 13.Bb3 a5 14.g5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nh7 16.Be3 a4 17.Bd5 b4 18.Nb1 b3 19.cxb3 axb3 20.a3 Bxd5 21.exd5 Ne7 22.Nbc3 c6 23.Rdg1 cxd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Rfc8+ 26.Nc3 Nf8 27.h4 Rxc3+ 28.bxc3 Rxa3 29.Kd1 b2 30.Ke2 Qa4 31.Rb1 Qc2+ 32.Kf3 Rxc3 33.Rhd1 Ne6 34.Qxd6 Nd4+ 35.Bxd4 exd4 36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Qxb2 Rxd3+ 38.Rxd3 Qxd3+ 39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.Kg1 d3 41.Qb7 Qxh4 42.Qh1 Qxh1+ 43.Kxh1 d2 44.Rd1 Bc3 45.Kg2 Kg7 46.Kf3 f5 47.Ke3 Kf6 48.f4 g5 49.fxg5+ Kxg5 50.Ke2 Kf4 51.Rf1+ Ke4 52.Rh1 f4 53.Rh3 f3+ 54.Rxf3 d1Q+ 55.Kxd1 Kxf3 ½-½ (55) BulletCoach (2568)-sergeikim2003

(2476) Blitz 2024;
B) 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qg3 Nb4 13.Bb3 c6 *(13...Na6 14.Nc3 Nc5 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.h4 c6 17.Ne3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Kh7 19.h5 Qg5 20.hxg6+ Qxg6 21.Qf3 Bf6 22.Nf5 Bg5 23.Ke2 Rh8 24.g3 Rae8 25.Rxa7 Rb8 26.Rh5 Kg8 27.Qg4 Kf8 28.f4 Bf6 29.Qxg6 fxg6 30.Rxh6 Rxh6 31.Nxh6 exf4 32.gxf4 Bxb2 33.Ng4 Ke7 34.Ra2 Bd4 35.Kd2 Rh8 36.c3 Bb6 37.Ke2 Rh4 38.Nf2 Bxf2 39.Kf3 Bb6 40.Rg2 Kf6 41.d4 Rh3+ 42.Kg4 Rxc3 43.e5+ Ke6 44.Kg5 Bxd4 45.Kxg6 dxe5 46.f5+ Kd5 47.f6 Rf3 48.f7 e4 49.Rg5+ Ke6 50.Rf5 Rxf5* Normal 0-1 (50) BulletCoach (2642)-a_b_y_a_n (2450) Blitz 2024*)* 14.a3 Na6 15.0-0 Rad8 16.c3 Nc5 17.Bc2 Qe7 18.f4 f5 19.Qxg6 fxe4 20.dxe4 exf4 21.Nxf4 Rde8 22.e5 1-0 (22) BulletCoach (2631)-StoicismPhilosophy (2593) Blitz 2024]

9.Bd2
[9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qg3 Kh7 11.h4 h5 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Kb1 Na5 14.a3 Nxc4 15.dxc4 Bg7 16.c5 Be6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Nd5 Rc8 19.Qd3 Rc5 20.b4 Rc6 21.Nc1 b5 22.Nb3 f5 23.f3 Bh6 24.Na5 Rc8 25.Kb2 fxe4 26.fxe4 Rf2 27.Nc3 Qc7 28.Rhf1 Rxg2 29.Rf6 Bg4 30.Rxd6 Bf8 31.Rc6 Qb8 32.Nd5 Rxc6 33.Nxc6 Qd6 34.Qc3 Bxd1 0-1 (34) doclex (2442)-KhatanbaatarGM (2633) Blitz 2024]

9...Na5
[9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qh3 Qd7 12.Bxh6 d5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.0-0 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Ne4 Nf4 18.Qg4 Qd5 19.Rfe1 Rf5 20.g3 Nh5 21.f4 Rh8 22.Ng5 Nf6 23.Qe2 e5 24.fxe5 Nd7 25.Qe4 Qxe4 26.Nxe4 Nxe5 27.Kg2 Ng4 28.h4 Ne3+ 29.Rxe3 dxe3 30.Re1 Rb5 31.b3 Ra5 32.a4 b5 33.axb5 Ra2 34.Re2 Rb8 35.Kf3 Rxb5 36.Nc3 Rf5+ 37.Kxe3 Ra1 38.Ne4 a5 39.Kd4 a4 40.bxa4 Rxa4+ 41.Ke3 Ra2 42.Rh2 c5 43.g4 Rf1 44.h5 Re1+ 45.Kd2 Rea1 46.hxg6 Rxc2+ 47.Kxc2 Ra2+ 48.Kc3 Rxh2 49.Nxc5 Kxg6 50.Ne4 Rg2 51.g5 Rg4 52.Kd4 Kf5 53.Ke3 Rxe4+ 54.dxe4+ Kxg5 55.Kd4 Kf6 56.Kd5 Ke7 57.Ke5 Kd7 58.Kf6 Ke8 59.Ke6 Kf8 60.Kd7 1-0 (60) BulletCoach (2614)-NewLife2023 (2614) Blitz 2024]
[9...Bg4 10.Qg3 Qd7 11.f3 Be6 12.0-0-0 a6 13.f4 Nh5 14.Qh4 Bxc4 15.dxc4 exf4 16.Nxf4 Nxf4 17.Qxf4 Ne5 18.b3 b5 19.c5 dxc5 20.Nd5 Rae8 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.Qxf6 Qe6 23.Qh4 g5 24.Qg3 Qg4 25.Bc3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Kh7 27.Rd5 f6 28.Rxc5 Rf7 29.Rf1 Kg6 30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Rxe5 fxe5 32.Rxf7 Kxf7 33.g4 Ke7 34.Kd2 Kd6 35.Kc3 Kc5 36.b4+ Kb6 37.a3 c5 38.Kd3 a5 39.bxc5+ Kxc5 40.Kc3 a4 41.g3 b4+ 42.Kb2 Kb5 43.Ka2 Kc4 44.Kb2 bxa3+ 45.Kxa3 Kc3 46.Kxa4 Kxc2 47.Kb5 Kd3 0-1 (47) BulletCoach (2618)-JimHacker (2579) Blitz 2024]
[9...a6 10.h3 Na5 11.g4 Nxc4 12.dxc4 Be6 13.b3 Nd7 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Ng3 bxc4 16.Nf5 cxb3 17.axb3 Kh7 18.Qe3 Bxf5 19.gxf5 Nc5 20.Rdg1 a5 21.Rg3 a4 22.b4 a3 23.Na2 Nd7 24.Rhg1 g5 25.h4 f6 26.Rh3 Kg8 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Rgh1

c5 29.Qb3+ Rf7 30.Rh7 Nf8 31.R7h3 cxb4 32.Nxb4 a2 33.Nxa2 Qb6 34.Qxb6 Rxa2 35.Qb3 1-0 (35) BulletCoach (2590)-Malek_Koniahli (2559) Blitz 2024]

[9...Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nd7 12.Qg3 c6 13.Nf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 Kh7 15.0-0 Qg5 16.a4 a5 17.Rad1 Qxg3 18.hxg3 h5 19.Ne2 c5 20.Nf4 Bh6 21.Nd5 Bxd2 22.Rxd2 Kg7 23.c3 dxc3 24.bxc3 Rb8 25.Rb1 Be6 26.Bc4 Nxc4 27.dxc4 Bd7 28.Nb6 Bc6 29.f3 Rfd8 30.Rbd1 Rh8 31.Rxd6 h4 32.gxh4 Rxh4 33.Kf2 Rbh8 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Rxd8 Rh1 36.Ra8 Rc1 37.Rxa5 Rxc3 38.Rxc5 Ra3 39.a5 Ra2+ 40.Kg3 Kf6 41.Nd5+ Ke6 42.Nb4 Ra4 43.Nxc6 bxc6 44.Rxc6+ Kd7 45.Rc5 Kd6 46.Rd5+ Ke6 47.Rc5 Kd6 48.Rc8 Rxa5 49.Kf4 Ra2 50.g4 Rc2 51.c5+ Kd7 52.Rf8 Ke7 53.Rc8 Kd7 54.Ra8 Rxc5 55.e5 Ke6 56.Ra6+ Ke7 57.Ke4 Rc4+ 58.Kd5 Rc3 59.f4 Rd3+ 60.Ke4 Rd1 61.Ra7+ Ke6 62.Ra6+ Ke7 63.f5 gxf5+ 64.gxf5 Re1+ 65.Kd5 Rd1+ 66.Kc5 Rc1+ 67.Kd4 Rd1+ 68.Kc3 Re1 69.Ra5 f6 70.e6 Kd6 71.Ra7 Re5 72.Rd7+ Kc6 73.Kd4 Rxf5 74.Rd8 Re5 75.e7 Rxe7 76.Rc8+ Rc7 77.Rg8 Rd7+ 78.Kc4 Kc7 79.Rg6 Rf7 80.Rg7 Rxg7 81.Kd5 Re7 82.Kc5 Rd7 83.Kc4 Re7 84.Kc5 f5 85.Kb4 f4 86.Kc3 Re4 0-1 (86) BulletCoach (2629)-cedchass25 (2509) Blitz 2024]

10.h3 Nxc4 11.dxc4 c6 12.g4 Be6 13.b3 Nd7

[13...d5 14.g5 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qg3 h5 17.0-0-0 Qe7 18.Nc3 Bf5 19.Rhe1 a5 20.a4 Rfb8 21.Kb2 e3 22.Qxe3 e4 23.Ka2 b5 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Nd5 Qb7 26.Bc3 Be6 27.Bxg7 Bxd5 28.Bb2 f6 29.Qd4 Bxb3+ 30.cxb3 bxa4 31.Qxa4 Normal 1-0 (31) BulletCoach (2618)-Klessyhdra (2721) Blitz 2024]

14.0-0-0 Qe7 15.Kb1 a6 16.Ng3 b5 17.Rdg1 bxc4 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 cxb3 20.axb3 g5 21.h4 f6 22.hxg5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.Rxg5 Kf8 26.Rxg7 Qxg7 27.Qh8+ Qg8 28.Rh7 Rf7 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 0-1 (29) BulletCoach (2662)-anonymousblitz (2791) Blitz 2024

[50] **8...Nb4** 9.Bb3 Be6 10.a3 Bxb3 11.axb4 Be6 12.0-0 c6 13.d4 Nd7 14.Rd1 f5 15.d5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 f4 17.Nec3 a6 18.b5 h5 19.bxa6 Rxa6 20.Rxa6 bxa6 21.Qd3 Nc5 22.Qf1 a5 23.f3 g5 24.b3 g4 25.Ba3 Nb7 26.Nb5 Rf7 27.Nxd6 Nxd6 28.Bxd6 Qg5 29.hxg4 hxg4 30.Kf2 Rd7 31.Nb6 Rd8 32.Ke2 Qh4 33.Rd3 Bf7 34.Qg1 Kh7 35.Kd2 Qh6 36.Qc5 Qh2 37.Kc3 Re8 38.Qc7 Kg8 39.Nd5 Bxd5 40.Rxd5 gxf3 41.gxf3 Qh3 42.Qc4 Kh7 43.Qd3 Rc8+ 44.Kb2 Rd8 45.Rxa5 Qh4 46.b4 Qh5 47.Rd5 Ra8 48.b5 Qg6 49.Qf1 Rd8 50.Qd3 Ra8 51.Qf1 Rd8 52.Qh1+ Kg8 53.Qd1 Qf7 54.b6 Kh7 55.Qd3 Qb7 56.Bc5 Rb8 57.Qb5 Qc8 58.Bd6 Rb7 59.Rc5 Qd7 60.Qxd7 Rxd7 61.Bc7 Bf8 62.Rb5 Bg7 63.b7 Rxc7 64.b8Q Rc6 65.Qe8 Rf6 66.Qh5+ Kg8 67.Rb7 1-0 (67) Hoon_Bot (2848)-xxSaturnxx (2673) Blitz 2024

8...Na5 9.Be3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 Nd7 12.Rd1

[12.g4 f5?! *(12...a6)* 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.exf5 Bxf5 Rouleau,J (2269)-Rogalski,T Washington DC 2003, 1-0 (34), 15.0-0-0 with play on the d-file and g-file and some advantage.]

12...b6 13.g4 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Kd2 Nf6 18.Qg2 Qd7 19.Kc1 Rad8 20.Ng3 Be6 21.Nge4 Rg8 22.Ng5 Rdf8 23.Rhg1 Nh5 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Qd5 Qxd5 26.Nxd5 Rf7 27.Rg5 Nf6 28.Nxf6 Bxf6 29.Rxg8+ Kxg8 30.Rg1+ Rg7 31.Rg3 Kf7 32.Kd2 Ke6 33.Ke2 c6 34.Rxg7 Bxg7 35.Kf3 Kf5 36.a4 d5 37.cxd5 cxd5 38.a5 d4 39.axb6 axb6 40.Bd2 e4+ 41.Ke2 b5 42.f3 Be5 43.fxe4+ Kxe4 44.Be1 Bf4 45.Bf2 Be5 ½ - ½ (45) Mv17 (2660) - notrashopenings (2624) Blitz 2024

51 **9.g4** Nd4
[9...Bxc4 10.dxc4 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nxe4 13.Bf4 Nc5 14.0-0-0 Ne6 15.h4 c6 16.Nb4 a5 17.Nd3 a4 18.h5 a3 19.b3 d5 20.cxd5 Qxd5 21.Qxd5 cxd5 22.Be5 Bxe5 23.Nxe5 Rad8 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.f3 Rde8 26.Rhe1 Re7 27.b4 Rc8 28.Rd3 Rc3 29.Kd2 Rec7 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Nxg6 hxg6 32.Rxe6 Kf7 33.Rb6 Rxf3 34.Rxb7+ Kf6 35.Ra7 Kg5 36.b5 Rc3 37.b6 Rc4 38.Rxa3 Kxg4 39.b7 Rb4 40.Rb3 Rxb3 41.axb3 d3 42.Kxd3 Kf3 43.b8Q g5 44.Qh2 g4 45.Qg1 g3 46.Kd4 g2 47.Kxd5 Ke2 48.b4 Kd2 49.b5 Kxc2 50.b6 Kb3 51.b7 Ka4 52.b8Q Ka3 53.Qa1# 1-0 (53) DrHerbst (2450)-Spartak-Moskau1922 (2571) Blitz 2024]
10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Re8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 Bxf6 16.f3 c5 17.Kf2 a6 18.a4 b6 19.Rab1 Rab8 20.Nf4 b5 21.Nd5 Bh4+ 22.Ke2 bxc4 23.b3 d3+ 24.cxd3 cxb3 25.Rhc1 Rb7 26.Rc3 Reb8 27.a5 Rb5 28.Nc7 Rxa5 29.Rcxb3 Rxb3 30.Rxb3 Bf6 31.Rb8+ Kh7 32.Ne8 Ra2+ 33.Kd1 Be5 34.Rb7 Kg8 35.Rd7 Rf2 36.Nxd6 Rxf3 37.Ke2 Rxh3 38.Nxf7 Rh2+ 39.Kf3 Bd4 40.g5 hxg5 41.Nxg5 a5 42.e5 Bxe5 43.Ke4 Re2+ 44.Kd5 a4 45.Ne4 Bd4 46.Ra7 Ra2 47.Ke6 a3 48.Nf6+ Bxf6 49.Kxf6 Rf2+ 50.Kxg6 Rg2+ 51.Kf6 a2 52.Ke6 c4 53.Kd5 c3 0-1 (53) BulletCoach (2629)-lederman (2477) Blitz 2024

52 **10.Be3**
[10.Bh4
A) 10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Ne2 Bxc4 13.dxc4 Re8 14.0-0-0 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.0-0 Be5 16.Rad1 Qh4 17.Nxd4 Kg7 18.Rfe1 Re7 19.b3 Rae8 20.Ne2 h5 21.Nc1 Qg5 22.Nd3 Bf6 23.Nf4 c6 24.g3 h4 25.g4 Rf8 26.Ng2 Qe5 27.Qd3 Re6 28.f4 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Rfe8 30.g5 Bb2 31.Nxh4 Qf2 32.Ng2 Rh8 33.Kh2 Rh4 34.Re2 1-0 (34) timquaker (2713)-lederman (2506) Blitz 2024)*
14...g5 15.Bg3 Nxe4 16.Nxd4 Nxg3 17.fxg3 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Bxf6 19.Nf5 Bg7 20.Rhe1 Kf8 21.g4 Re6 22.c3 Rae8 23.Kd2 Be5 24.g3 Kg8 25.Kd3 Kh7 26.Re4 Kg6 27.Rde1 h5 28.c5 hxg4 29.hxg4 dxc5 30.Kc4 f6 31.Kxc5 Rh8 32.R1e2 Rh1 33.Kd5 Ra6 34.a3 Rg1 35.Rh2 Ra5+ 36.Ke6 Ra6+ 37.Kd7 Rd1+ 38.Ke7 Bd6+ 39.Ke8 1-0 (39) TimQuaker (2708)-lederman (2511) Blitz 2024;
B) 10...g5 11.Bg3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Kb1 b5 14.Bd5 b4 15.Na4 Bxd5 16.exd5 Ne7 17.b3 Nfxd5 18.h4 Qf5 19.Qe4 Qxe4 20.dxe4 Nf6 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.f3 Ng6 23.Nb2 Rfd8 24.Nc4 Nf4 25.Bxf4 gxf4 26.g3 d5 27.Nxe5 dxe4

28.Nxf4 exf3 29.Nxf3 Ne4 30.Rde1 Nc3+ 31.Ka1 Re8 32.Nh5 Bh8 33.g4 a5 34.g5 a4 35.Rxe8+ Rxe8 36.Nf6+ Bxf6 37.gxf6 axb3 38.Rg1+ Kf8 39.axb3 Ra8+ 40.Kb2 Ra2+ 41.Kc1 Ra1+ 42.Kd2 Ra6 43.Ne5 Rd6+ 44.Nd3 Rxf6 45.Nxb4 Ne4+ 46.Ke3 Re6 47.Kd4 Nd6 48.Nd5 Nf5+ 49.Kc3 Rc6+ 50.Kb2 Nd4 51.c4 Ne6 52.Kc3 Rd6 53.b4 c6 54.Ne3 Rd7 55.c5 Ke7 56.Nc4 Nc7 57.Nd6 Nd5+ 58.Kc4 Ra7 59.b5 Ra4+ 60.Kb3 cxb5 61.Nxb5 Rb4+ 62.Ka3 Rxb5 63.Re1+ Kd7 64.c6+ Kxc6 65.Rc1+ Rc5 66.Rd1 Nb6 67.Kb4 Nc4 68.Kb3 Nb6 69.Rc1 Rxc1 70.Kb2 Rc5 71.Kb3 Rb5+ 72.Kc3 Rc5+ 73.Kd3 Time forfeit ½-½ (73) JulianProleiko (2642)-franky3000 (2644) Blitz 2024]

10...a5

[10...Kh7 11.0-0 *(11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Qg3 Nd4 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.h4 c5 15.Kb1 Nf6 16.Qh3 Nh5 17.Rhf1 Qb6 18.Nc1 Nf4 19.Qh2 Rf7 20.g3 Nh5 21.N3e2 Raf8 22.Qg2 Qc6 23.f4 Nf5 24.Bf2 exf4 25.Nxf4 Qb5 26.b3 Nfxg3 27.Nxg6 Nxf1 28.Nxf8+ Rxf8 29.Rxf1 Nf4 30.Qg4 Qb4 31.Rg1 Rf7 32.Be1 Qd4 33.c3 Qe3 34.Kc2 Nh3 35.Qg6+ Kg8 36.Rh1 h5 37.Qg3 Qxg3 38.Bxg3 Nf4 39.Rh2 Bf8 40.Rf2 Ng6 41.Rxf7 Kxf7 42.Ne2 e5 43.Ng1 Be7 44.Nf3 Bf6 45.Kd2 Ke7 46.Ke3 Kd7 47.Kd2 Ke6 48.Ke3 Kf7 49.b4 cxb4 50.cxb4 a6 51.a4 Ke6 52.d4 Kd7 53.d5 b5 54.axb5 axb5 55.Ke2 Kc8 56.Kf2 Kd8 57.Ke2 Ke8 58.Kf1 Nf8 59.Ne1 Ng6 60.Nc2 Bxh4 61.Bxh4 Nxh4 62.Kf2 Ng6 63.Na3 h4 64.Nxb5 Kd7 ½-½ (64) Hoon_Bot (2846)-the_magnificent_bob (2979) Rapid 2024)*

A) 11...a5 12.Bb3 Ng8 *(12...Nd7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 Nb4 15.Rac1 d5 16.a3 Nf6 17.Qh4 Nc6 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Ng3 a4 20.Nce2 b5 21.Rcd1 Ng8 22.Rfe1 Nd8 23.Bd2 d4 24.c3 dxc3 25.Nxc3 Nc6 26.Nce2 Rf7 27.Nf1 Raf8 28.f3 Nf6 29.Qf2 Qd6 30.Be3 Rd8 31.Bc5 Qd7 32.Ne3 Qe8 33.Nc2 Nd7 34.Be3 Na5 35.Na1 c5 36.Bxc5 Nxc5 37.Qxc5 Rb7 38.b4 Rc8 39.Qf2 Nc6 40.Nc2 Rd7 41.Qb6 Nd8 42.Rc1 Rb7 43.Qf2 Rbc7 44.Na1 Nc6 45.Nc2 h5 46.Red1 Qd7 47.Kh1 Bh6 48.Rb1 Qd8 49.Qb6 Bg7 50.Qf2 Bh6 51.Qb6 Qe7 52.Qf2 Rd7 53.Qb6 Rb7 54.Qg1 Qf6 55.d4 exd4 56.Ncxd4 Nxd4 57.Rxd4 Rc2 58.Re1 Qe5 59.Rd3 Rbc7 60.Qf1 Rb2 61.Rd8 Rcc2 62.f4 Qxe4 63.Rd7+ Kg8 64.Ng3 Qxg2+ 65.Qxg2 Rxg2 66.Ne4 Rh2+ 67.Kg1 Bg7 68.Rd8+ Bf8 69.Rd7 Bg7 70.Rd8+ Bf8 71.Rd7 Kh8 72.Rc1 Rbg2+ 73.Kf1 Rb2 74.Kg1 Rbg2+ 75.Kf1 Ra2 76.Kg1 Rhg2+ 77.Kf1 Rh2 78.Kg1 Rhe2 79.Nf6 Rg2+ 80.Kf1 Rgf2+ 81.Ke1 Be7 82.Rc8+ Kg7 83.Ng8 Rxf4 84.Nxe7 Rxa3 85.Nf5+ Kf6 86.Nd4 Ke5 87.Rc5+ Kf6 88.Rxb5 Rxh3 89.Rb6 Re4+ 90.Kd2 a3 91.Ra6 a2 92.Nc2 h4 93.Rxa2 Rg4 94.Rd3 Rxd3+ 95.Kxd3 ½-½ (95) Hoon_Bot (2804)-TheFreshman1902 (2955) Blitz 2024)* 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qg3 Nf6 15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Qg4 Qe7 17.Nb1 Rf7 18.c3 Raf8 19.Nd2 Nf4

20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nf3 Ne5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Qf3 h5 24.Kh2 Kh6 25.d4 g5 26.a4 b6 27.b3 Qf6 28.Ng1 Qg6 29.Qe2 exd4 30.cxd4 Rd7 31.Qc4 Rfd8 32.d5 g4 33.f3 g3+ 34.Kh1 Qg5 35.Rfe1 Bf8 36.Qc1 e5 37.Rd3 Bc5 38.Ne2 Rd6 39.Qc4 Rc8 40.Red1 Qg6 41.Qa6 Qe8 42.Qc4 c6 43.Qc1 Qg6 44.Qb2 Qf6 45.Qc1 Kg6 46.Nc3 Rd7 47.Qa1 Bb4 48.Na2 cxd5 49.exd5 Bc5 50.Qb1 Qf5 51.Nc3 Bd4 52.Ne4 Rxd5 53.b4 axb4 54.Qxb4 Qe6 55.Qb1 Kh6 56.Rc1 Rdd8 57.Rdd1 Rxc1 58.Rxc1 Rc8 59.Re1 h4 60.Rd1 Rc4 61.a5 bxa5 62.Qb3 a4 63.Qa2 Qd5 64.Qb1 Qc6 65.Nd2 Rc2 66.Qb4 Bc5 67.Qb8 Qe6 68.Qh8+ Kg6 69.Qd8 e4 70.fxe4 Be3 71.e5 Rxd2 72.Rxd2 Bxd2 73.Qxd2 a3 74.Qd3+ Qf5 75.Qd6+ Kh5 0-1 (75) Hoon_Bot (2841)-The_Magnificent_Bob (2993) Rapid 2024;

B) 11...Nd7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qg3 Nf6 14.Rad1 Nh5 15.Qg4 Qe7 16.Nb1 Rf7 17.Nd2 Nb4 18.Nf3 Nxc2 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Rc1 Nd4 21.Nexd4 exd4 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Qe4 c5 25.Qxe5 Rf5 26.Qh2 Rf7 27.Qe5 Rf5 28.Qh2 Ng7 29.b4 b6 30.Qg3 Nh5 31.Qh2 Ng7 32.Qg3 Raf8 33.f3 Qd8 34.bxc5 bxc5 35.Rc2 Nh5 36.Qe1 Qd6 37.Qh4 Rb8 38.Re1 Rb5 39.Bc1 Rb1 40.Rce2 Rxc1 41.Rxc1 Ng3 42.Rce1 Nxe2+ 43.Rxe2 Rf7 44.Qe4 Re7 45.Kf2 Kg7 46.a4 e5 47.Rb2 c4 48.dxc4 Qc5 49.Rb7 Rxb7 50.Qxb7+ Kf6 51.Qb5 Qxb5 52.axb5 Ke6 53.c5 g5 54.Ke2 Kd5 55.c6 Kd6 56.g3 a5 57.bxa6 Kxc6 58.Kd3 Kb6 59.f4 gxf4 60.gxf4 exf4 61.Kxd4 ½-½ (61) Hoon_Bot (2913)-bird_xx (3026) Blitz 2024]

[10...a6 11.g4 b5 12.Bd5 Bxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.h4 Qd7 *(15...Rc8 16.h5 g5 17.Ng3 c6)* 16.h5 g5 17.Ng3 f5 18.gxf5 Nxf5 19.Nxf5 Rxf5 more pleasant for Black, Bellahcene,B (2452)-Ollier,P (2365) Chess.com INT 2017, 1-0 (51).]

11.a3 a4 12.0-0-0 Rb8 13.Rhg1 Kh7 14.g4 Ng8 15.Qg3 b5 16.Nxb5 Qd7 17.Bd2 Nd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Kb1 Qc6 21.f4 Qc5 22.Bb4 Qb6 23.Rd2 c5 24.c3 Ne7 25.Rc2 Rbc8 26.Rgc1 d5 27.e5 cxb4 28.cxb4 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 g5 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.h4 Qb8 32.hxg5 Qxe5 33.Qg1 Qe3 34.Qh1+ Kg8 35.Nc1 e5 36.b5 e4 37.Qd1 Qxg5 38.Rc7 Qe5 39.b6 Rb8 40.Qxa4 Rxb6 41.Qe8+ Bf8 42.Rc2 Rf6 43.g5 Qxg5 44.Qd7 Qg6 45.Qh3 Qf5 46.Qh2 Kf7 47.Ka2 exd3 48.Rg2 Rh6 49.Qg1 Rg6 50.Rxg6 Nxg6 51.Nb3 Bh6 52.Qxd4 Qe4 53.Qa7+ Ne7 54.Qf2+ Ke8 55.Qf1 Be3 56.Qe1 Kf7 57.Qd1 Kf6 58.Qe1 Nf5 59.Qa5 Qc4 60.Qd8+ Kg6 61.Qe8+ Kg5 62.Qg8+ Kh4 63.Qh8+ Kg4 64.Qg8+ Bg5 0-1 Hoon_Bot-Nikitosikbot_v2/Blitz 2024